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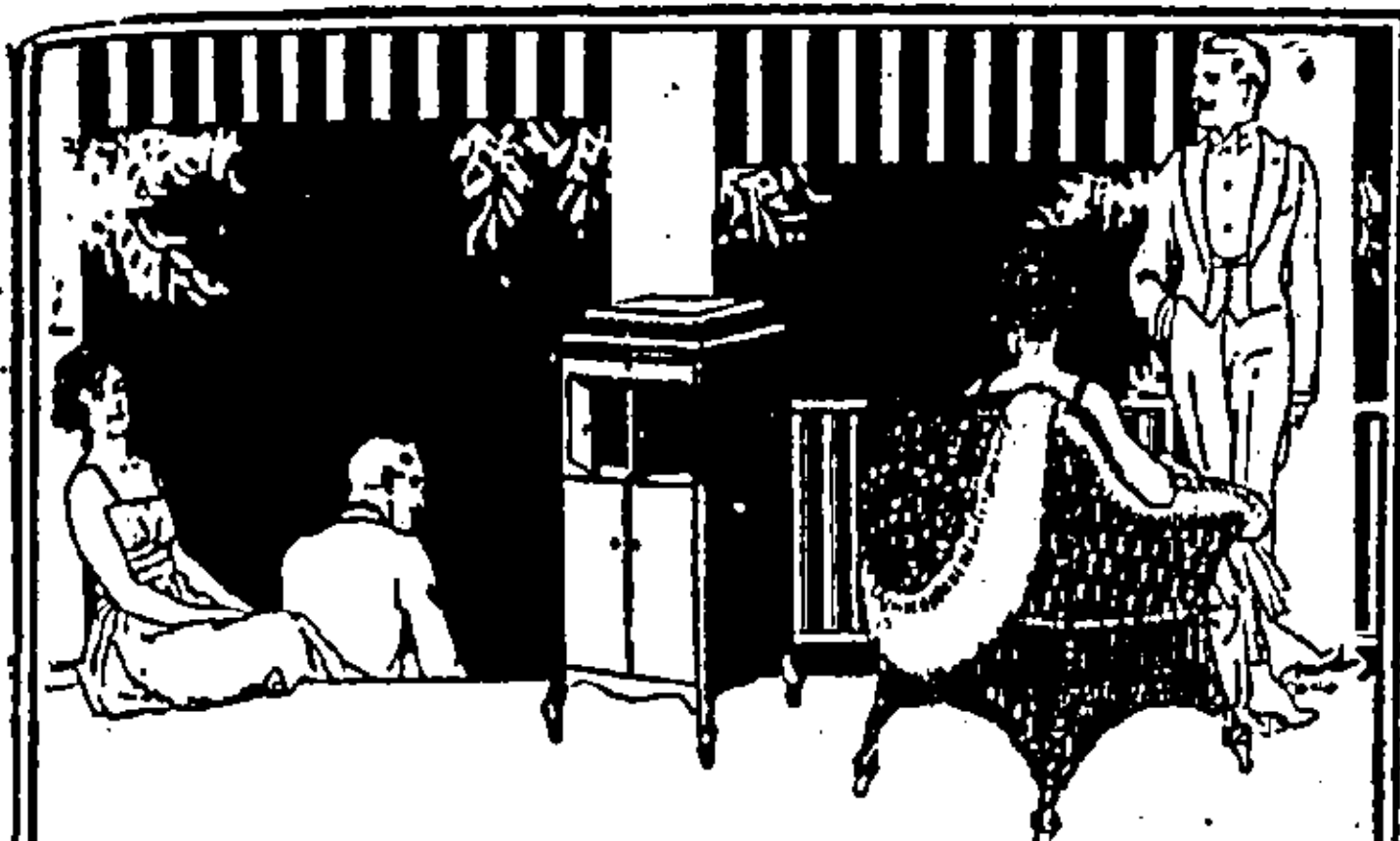
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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INTER ALLIED WAR DEBTS.

POINTS OF THE BALFOUR NOTE.

WHY BRITISH POLICY CHANGED.

LONDON, August 2.

A closer perusal of the Balfour note on allied war debts serves to impress the importance of the views expressed on a subject on which the Allies have hitherto displayed an inclination to fight shy of. His Lordship at the outset of an historic document which is causing a profound stir shows that of a total of £3,400,000,000 war debts, excluding interest at present due to Britain, Germany owes £1,450,000,000, Russia £650,000,000 and the Allies £1,300,000,000. On the other hand Great Britain owes the United States \$850,000,000 at par exchange, with interest since 1919. The note proceeds to point out that no international discussion has yet been held on the exampled situation which the foregoing figures partially disclose and pending a settlement which would go to the root of the problem the Government had silently abstained from making demands upon the Allies either in respect of interest or capital.

THE AMERICAN DEMAND.

In the note it is shown that Britain was not enabled to adopt the policy acceptable to it as part of a satisfactory international settlement of remitting all debts due by the Allies or in respect of German reparations, owing to the American Government "with the most perfect courtesy and in the exercise of undoubted rights" requiring Britain to pay the interest due and to convert debt from an unfunded to a funded debt and repay it by a sinking fund in twenty-five years. The note emphasises that such a contract accords with the original contract. "His Majesty's Government does not complain: they recognise their obligations and are prepared to fulfil them, but it is evident they cannot do this without profoundly modifying the course" which they would have wished to pursue in different circumstances.

REPAYMENT OF LOANS.

The note dwells on the fact that the change of British policy regarding the cancellation of debts was adopted with the greatest reluctance. Outlining the revised British policy Lord Balfour lays down that while the Government is regretfully constrained to request France to arrange for dealing with Anglo French loans to the best of her ability the amount of interest and repayments asked will not depend so much on what the Allies owe Britain as what Britain has to pay America.

The note after reiterating the policy favoured by the Government in surrendering their share of German reparations and writing off the whole body of inter Allied indebtedness, says that if this is impossible of accomplishment Britain in no event wishes to make profit from a less satisfactory arrangement. She does not propose asking more from her debtors than is necessary to pay her creditors. It remarks that it should not be forgotten that some of our liabilities were incurred for others, not ourselves and stresses the fact that food, raw material, and munitions were required by Britain for immense naval and military efforts, also that half of the two thousand millions advanced to the Allies was provided by internal borrowing and war taxation, not by foreign loans, whereas unfortunately a similar policy was beyond the power of other European nations.

This resulted in the appeal to the United States who insisted in substance if not in form, that although our Allies would spend money the United States was only prepared to lend it on our security. It emphasises that "this co-operative effort was of infinite value to the common cause but it cannot be said that the role assigned therein to Britain was one of special privilege or advantage."

FORTHCOMING CONVERSATIONS.

It is gathered from official circles that the impression obtains that progress in the forthcoming conversation between Mr. Lloyd George and M. Poincaré in London on the subject of inter-allied indebtedness, will be considerably assisted by the Balfour note, which is regarded as a strong reaffirmation of the British intention to meet America's request for payment and in no way convey a suggestion that America should cancel or remit a portion of Britain's indebtedness. It is not expected that the conversations will extend beyond three days as there is only one other question for discussion. This relates to reparations. Theunis and Bohner will also attend the conference.

Lord Balfour's note is regarded as an appeal to opinion and is intended to show that the demand for repayment is not attributable to Britain. The Journal considers the request perfectly logical and says Britain's insistence on repayment means that France will similarly demand from Britain. The Echo de Paris emphasises that the time has come to affirm the priority of France's reparations.

INTER ALLIED WAR DEBTS.

FOREIGN OPINION.

"STRICTLY HONEST AND FAIR."

LONDON, August 2.

It is stated that representatives of American financial interests at present in London have expressed the view that had Britain's readiness to cancel debts owing to her been carried out the United States would have been morally compelled to follow Britain's lead, probably not immediately but after a general election. They pointed out, however, that there was the political as well as the financial side of the matter to be considered by the United States. The opinion is held in well-informed foreign and allied financial quarters that the Balfour note will mean that the foreign governments concerned who have no foreign credits available except those from Germany will have to obtain the money needed for payment from Germany herself. If the latter is unable to pay obviously the allied debtors concerned will not be in a position to produce the sums necessary and the moratorium requested by Germany will have to be given in other cases. The view is generally expressed that the British standpoint is strictly honest and fair but does not remove the present difficulty and brings the solution of the European economic chaos no nearer.

"AMERICA'S ATTITUDE."

FOUND OF FLESH DEMANDED.

LONDON, August 2.

Early comments from the United States on the Balfour note quote Senator McCamber, Chairman of the Finance Committee, who made the statement: "We will never cancel Britain's debt." Other prominent senators are equally emphatic that American opinion is utterly averse to such a step.

MORE PASSENGERS OFFER EVIDENCE.

LONDON, August 2.

At the "Egypt," enquiry a passenger, Captain Carr of the Indian Army, gave evidence that he jumped into a boat full of Indians which was pushing off. He fired a revolver overhead making the Indians make room for sixteen passengers. Captain Carr expressed the opinion that a serious attempt to restore order would have been successful. He said that as far as he saw the British officers did their best. Lieut-Colonel Franklin in an affidavit said that a boat containing a number of ladies capsized owing to Indians jumping into it and the women were drowned.

Robert Bevan in an affidavit declared that he saw three boats filled with Indians lowered. They moved away immediately despite the protests of the passengers and white stewards who called on them to return and take women and children.

Mr. Cotter, for the Marine Workers' Union, in his speech denounced the conduct of the Indian crew and declared that the disaster would never have occurred with a proper qualified British crew.

CUT OFF!

TELEPHONE INVENTOR DEAD.

SYDNEY Nova Scotia, August 2.

The death is announced of A. G. Bell the inventor of the telephone.

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OIL CONCESSION.

AMSTERDAM, August 3.

The Batavia Oil Co. has been granted a new concession of 3815 hectares in Palembang, Sumatra.

LONDON, August 3.
In the Commons replying to Commander Kenworthy Mr. Harmsworth confirmed the Anglo-Persian Oil Co. has negotiated for exclusive old drilling rights in Macedonia with the Greeks. This did not include oil rights in Thrace which were the subject of the Graco-Turkish dispute. The Government had accorded the Anglo-Persian Co. the usual support always given to reputable British firms negotiating with foreign Governments.

FRENCH TRAIN COLLISION.

PARIS, August 2.

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tried to pass on to those who in the
course of time have become respon-
sible to me.

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down say a word or two to those
who are about the age which I was
when I left Arbroath, in 1872, just
fifty years ago. Let me recommend
them not to be afraid to go out into the
world. There is no prospect for the
energy, the brains, the initiative,
and the ambition of all the
youth of the country, but England and
the rest of the British Empire, China,
the United States, South America, are
full of opportunities for well educated
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intelligent, ambitious, and honest
Boatmen, and if there is no prospect
for you here the sooner you get away
the better. There is an idea abroad
that there should be nothing more
than forty-two or forty-eight hours'
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in this world than that which is
derived from work. Occupation is the
cheapest form of amusement you can
get, idleness is the most expen-
sive. It's not work that kills—it is
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WAR DEBTS AND THE
REPARATIONS QUESTIONS.

LONDON, August 1st.
The British Note admits that the United
States is only exercising its undoubted
rights in pressing for repayment of the
Anglo-American debt, but it contends
that it cannot be right that one partner
in a common enterprise should recover
all she lent, and another, while receiving
nothing, be required to repay all she bor-
rowed, which procedure cannot be accept-
ed by the British people, who are suffer-
ing an unparalleled burden of taxation,
immense diminution in national wealth
and serious unemployment. The Note
points out that a large part of the British
debt to America was incurred on behalf
of France, Italy and Belgium, and that
Britain's debt to America was only about
a quarter of the total war debts due to
Britain from the Allies, from Russia and
from Germany, namely, £3,400,000,000.
It says that in no circumstances does it
propose to ask more from our debtors than
is necessary to pay our creditors.

LATER.
The British Note concludes that the
Government does not suggest either as a
matter of justice or expediency, that
Germany should be relieved of her obliga-
tion to France or other Allied States, and
is so deeply convinced of the economic
injury inflicted on the world by the exist-
ing state of things, that it would be pre-
pared, subject to the just claims of other
parts of the Empire, that Great Britain
should abandon all further right to Ger-
man reparation, and all claims of repay-
ment by the Allies, provided the repara-
tion formed part of a general plan which
by the great problem could be dealt with
as a whole, and find a satisfactory solu-
tion.

A copy of the Note, which was pre-
pared by the Earl of Balfour and ap-
proved by a majority of the Cabinet, was
handed to the American Ambassador as
an act of courtesy.

LONDON, August 1st.
The British Note is generally fairly
well received by the Press, most of the
criticism being mild. The prospect of
securing a general settlement of the re-
parations question is not improved there-
by, owing to the effect on America.

The *Westminster Gazette* says the case
for the policy followed is manifestly
strong, but the paper would have prefer-
red to set America a generous example by
cancelling the indebtedness of the Allies.
The *Daily News* thinks the note is
chiefly a warning to France.

The *Daily Chronicle* suggests that a
partial general cancellation of European
debt might be possible even without
America, if France was in the mood.
The *Morning Post* deeply deplains the
note, which it says will annoy America
and make France despair. The news-
paper condemns applying charity in
equal doses to France and Germany.

GERMANY'S DEBTS.

PARIS, August 1st.
The text of Premier Poincaré's reply to
Germany shows that France requires an
assurance that £2,000,000 will be paid by
August 15th. Creditive measures are
threatened in the absence of an assurance
by August 5th. The Note adds that a
very complete plan, if such measures are
decided on, has been prepared, but will
not be disclosed at present.

AWFUL RAILWAY DISASTER.

PARIS, August 1st.
It is reported that 40 were killed and
50 injured in a collision at Ville Central
between two pilgrim trains from Moulins
to Lourdes.

LATER.
Graphic details to hand of the accident
at Ville Central, mentioned in an earlier
cable message, show that the trains were
crowded with pilgrims, many of whom
were blind and crippled.

The driver of the first engine, which was
crawling up an incline, discovered that
the train was over loaded. The driving
wheels refused to grip the fog-dampened
rails, and the train slipped back with in-
creasing momentum. The driver of the
second train saw the runaway approaching
and applied his brakes, but was un-
able to avoid the crash.

AMERICAN RAILWAY STRIKE.

WASHINGTON, August 1st.
The Railway Executives rejected Presi-
dent Harding's proposal that the strik-
ing shopmen be reinstated without for-
feiting seniority and other rights, but
conditionally accepted his other two pro-
posals for settling the strike. First, that
operators and workmen agree to recognize
the validity of all decisions by the Rail-
road Labour Board. Secondly, the car-
riers to withdraw all lawsuits, and the
Board's decisions are to be taken to the
Boards by either party for re-hearing.

CYCLONE DERAILS TRAIN.

LANCASHIRE, August 1st.
A portion of a local train carrying 150
passengers was blown off the line by a
cyclone between Pegg and Thatch. It fell
into water-filled excavations. Three were
killed and 22 injured.

SIR KEITH SMITH'S PROPOSED
WORLD FLIGHT.

VANCOUVER, August 1st.
It is stated that Sir Keith Smith is ex-
pected to arrive in September, when he
will be engaged in preparing the route
for his flight round the world, crossing
the Pacific by the Kurile and Aleutian
Islands.

BRITAIN'S PROPOSED AIR FORCE.

LONDON, August 1st.
It is reported that the proposed defence
Air Force will consist of twenty squad-
rons with full quota of reserves, mak-
ing four to five hundred machines.

ARE SCOTS UNSOCIABLE?

THE BITTER COMPLAINT OF A
SOUTHERNER.

Are we Scots too distant and stand-
offish? (asks a writer in a Scottish
paper. "Sourly brutes," my friend
Smith calls us. But then Smith is a
Scotsman, so you can take his
opinion just for what you consider it
worth. Smith goes in and out among
us Scots in a commercial capacity.
He "travels" for a Southern firm
dealing in cheap lines of ladies' wear,
and I am just afraid that owing to
our present trade-depression Smith's
particular stunt is not panning out
very well. Perhaps this is what
causes him to describe us as "sourly
brutes."

All the same, on due reflection I
have come to the conclusion on that
Sir Smith's grouse is not without some
slight justification. He tells me, for
instance, that when he enters a
railway compartment in which some
Scots are already squatted he feels
like a maulfactor entering the dock.
No one utters a word, but immedi-
ately all eyes are focussed on him. He
realises at once that he is in the chill
atmosphere of suspicion. Even the
man who is reading his paper glances
over it at him with a look which seems
to ask, "Is this the only compart-
ment in the blooming train?" Then
one or two of them will ostentatiously
wriggle along half an inch on the
pretext of making room for him, and
he invariably observes the man next
to him button his coat tightly up as
if he anticipated a raid on his
portable wealth. Being in the main
as lonely a fellow as "commercials"
are usually credited with being, Smith
doesn't like these manifestations of
Scottish caution.

He makes a valiant effort to melt
the ice by proffering a genial remark
about the weather. The others stare
at him. With the exception of a man
in the corner (whom Smith charitably
suggests must have had an English
mother) who emits a sort of grunt
nobody responds to his greeting. The
train starts. Someone produces a
pack of cards, a coat is spread over
the knees of one or two of the passen-
gers and a game of ha'penny nap is
soon in progress. Smith is dying to
join in. But no one seems to think
of inviting him to do so. He is
frozen out, and the players even con-
tinue so to obscure the falling cards
that he is unable to follow with any
intelligent interest the progress of the
game. How different it is in England,
he says, where travellers are the soul
of affability to each other. Why, in
England a man will not even take a
swig from his flask without inviting
his fellow-travellers to partake. A
railway journey in a compartment
occupied by clanish Scots is, Smith
avers, the most utterly dismal ex-
perience any man could be condemned
to.

THE LADIES, TOO.

The Scots ladies, too, he asserts,
are equal offenders in respect of un-
sociability. Should he happen to
enter a compartment in which there
are ladies, he says, he feels more like

a fish out of water than ever. If the
men are "wet blankets" the women
are, in his opinion, equally depressing.
They are, he says, invariably en-
trenched among portmanteaux, par-
cels or other encumbrances, which
they persist in piling up on the seats
to the annoyance of late-arriving pas-
sengers. Should he politely lift one
of these obstructions in order to claim
his legitimate eighteen inches of sit-
ting room, he is met with a glare from
the indignant owner, which causes
him to drop the article instantly,
mutter a hurried apology, and cling
desperately to the rack for sup-
port during the remainder of the
journey. But he occasionally gets
his revenge. When he discovers that
a bevy of ladies have commandeered
a "smoker" he (mean fellow that he
is) contrives to hurry in just as the
train is starting, genially apologises to
the ladies for the intrusion, remarks
with thinly veiled sarcasm, "I don't
suppose you noticed this was a
'smoker'?" and, lighting up his
villainous pipe, keeps the compart-
ment fumigated till the terminus is
reached. Only a Scotsman however,
could do this. The average Scots-
man, finding his "sm k r" invaded
by women, would, I bet, deny himself
in silence either till the ladies left the
compartment or graciously gave him
permission to smoke.

Smith has the same complaint to
make regarding the alleged "un-
sociable plugs" he meets in our tram-
cars. It is appalling, he says, to watch
two

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A few lots of Special Glass Ware and
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Goods will be on view on Thursday
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Hongkong, July 27, 1922.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED)

SATURDAY,
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Sundry Household Furniture.
Removed to Sales Rooms for
convenience of sale.

Comprising—
Washstands, stained teak hatstand,
overmantel, Shanghai baths, ward-
robes, crockery, Ac., Ac.

Also
1 large showcase and 1 soda water
machine.
Terms:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, August 2, 1922.

(For Account of the Concerned)

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of the year 1922 has been declared.

The DIVIDEND will be payable on
and after WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day
of August, 1922, to Shareholders on the
Register on TUESDAY, the 8th day of
August, 1922, and will be paid to
Shareholders on the Colonial (Hong-
kong) Register at the exchange rate of
2s. 7 1/2 p. per Dollar.

By Order of the Board,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, July 24, 1922.

NOTICE.

WE regret to inform our numerous
Customers that, owing to the
destruction by fire of our PRINTING
WORKS, (Doddell Street), we shall
be unable to meet their requirements
till further notice.

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Hongkong, August 1, 1922.

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ISSUE OF 17TH FEBRUARY, 1922, OF
109,650 ADDITIONAL SHARES OF THE
NOMINAL VALUE OF \$10 AT A
PREMIUM OF \$5 EACH
(\$3 PER SHARE PAID UP.)

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded
that a SECOND INSTALLMENT
on the above of \$5 per share (\$3
plus \$2 premium per share) falls due
on TUESDAY, the 15th AUGUST, 1922.
Remittances should be made to the
Company's Bankers, the Hongkong &
Shanghai Banking Corporation, in
Hongkong, on or before that date.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES OF
the Company will be CLOSED from
WEDNESDAY, the 2ND to TUES-
DAY, the 15TH AUGUST, 1922,
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. V. WARD,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, July 27, 1922.

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THE ADVANCE OF WIRELESS.

NEEDS OF CHINA COAST.

The long article on Methods of
Wireless Direction Finding which is
now appearing in this journal (says
Shanghai Shipping and Engineering)
serves to emphasize, among other
things, the great strides which have
been and are being made in the
application and perfection of wireless
telegraphy to the safe and efficient
navigation of vessels. The advent of
wireless telegraphy may truly be said
to be one of the most important
developments in the history of ship-
ping. It is but nineteen years ago,
almost exactly, since the first wireless
installation was fitted to a merchant
vessel (the Cunard Lines's "Lucania"
in 1903), and its success was so im-
mediate, its advantages so well realized
and its importance so apparent
that at the present time more than
ninety per cent. of ocean-going vessels
of above 4,000 tons are provided with
some sort of wireless apparatus. (We
quote from a reliable estimate made
recently at Home.)

The many uses and advantages of
wireless telegraphy at sea are so well
known and appreciated as to need no
detailed mention; and undoubtedly
the chief of these advantages is in
regard to safety. Instances occur
almost daily of ships in distress asking
for and receiving assistance from
other vessels—assistance which, in
most cases, would not and could not
be forthcoming were the vessels in
distress unprovided with wireless
means of attracting and obtaining the
help of other ships. In abstract con-
sideration, one of the greatest practical
lessons in the inestimable value of
wireless at sea occurred on the China
Coast seventeen months ago, on the
occasion of the wreck of the "Hong Moh."
In that disaster, more than a thousand
lives were lost. Unprovided with
wireless, the "Hong Moh," with
about 1,000 persons aboard, had to
rely, in her terrible plight, on visual
means of communication, and on the
chance that passing vessels would
notice her condition. Though the
first vessel on the scene (the C. N.
Co. s.s. "Shansi," Captain Turnbull)
did all that was humanly possible
under the circumstances and saved a
number of lives, the main assistance to
the "Hong Moh," from two British
men-of-war ("Carlisle and Foxglove")
was only obtained by means of a
wireless call after the "Shansi" had
proceeded full speed to Swatow.

How many more lives could have
been saved than the two hundred odd
which were saved eventually, is, of
course, a matter for conjecture, but it
is certain that had the unfortunate
vessel been fitted with wireless the
gallant naval men who eventually did
so much to rescue her passengers and
crew could have been on the scene
about two days earlier than they were,
and it is safe to assume that the loss
of life would have been appreciably less.

The measures that have been taken
in the application of wireless direction
finding are well known, even on the
China Coast, where it is the exception
more than the rule to find a coasting
vessel having any sort of wireless in-
stallation, and at the present time
Signor Marconi, whose name will ever
be associated with one of the greatest
scientific developments in history, is
conducting further experiments
from his specially constructed yacht
"Elettra" in direction
finding and other branches of
wireless telegraphy. The perfection
of the wireless direction finder—and
there is every indication that this
perfection will soon be attained—will
have even more far-reaching effects
than wireless communication; and
the development of the means which
wireless telegraphy gives for commu-
nication at sea will have revolutionary
effects upon navigation in the future.

On the China Coast we have a fair
number of wireless stations, but es-
pecially the Bikini Observatory (under
the able supervision of the
talented Father, Frac-
casio, who works so unobtrusively yet
so effectively) making valuable
observations, compiling important
data and sending out at stated times

useful information regarding the
weather to be expected in these parts.
This information is particularly of
great value during the typhoon season
to those vessels able to receive it
direct, and, to a lesser extent, to those
ships which have the information
passed on to them visually or by
means other than wireless.

The issue of weather information is
not to stop, however, at the dissemina-
tion of bulletins by shore stations, for
schemes of a far more comprehensive
nature are well under way
at Home, and it is not unreasonable
to expect that ultimately such
schemes will be extended to Far
Eastern waters. On the North
Atlantic measures are being adopted
by means of which vessels fitted with
wireless will be able at all times to
obtain valuable information regarding
the weather, not only when in the
vicinity of land, but also hundreds,
and even thousands, of miles at sea.
Nearly three years ago the Meteor-
ological office at Home appointed a
Marine Meteorological Superintendent,
to organize at each of the large ports
in the United Kingdom a meteor-
ological office whereat meteorological
information would be compiled
and distributed. Since the incep-
tion of that movement, great
 strides have been made in
the imparting of such infor-
mation, and the system is growing daily
in importance and in value. A
pamphlet for mariners has been writ-
ten wherein is shown how the very
latest meteorological information can
be obtained from shore stations and
from vessels in different positions at
sea (chiefly the Atlantic), so that the
master of a vessel will be able to know
exactly the kind of weather he may
expect, and in many cases handle his
ship accordingly. This, however, is
but a beginning. It is the intention
to extend the system so that the
master of a vessel will be able to ascer-
tain not only the probable weather at
sea, but also at any port for which he
may be bound. The crux of the
system is not so much the use of
weather forecasts from shore stations
as the passing of information from
vessels at sea to other vessels and to
specified shore stations, which in turn
collate all reports received and
distribute the information for the
benefit of all concerned. In these
days of necessary economy, the mak-
ing of passages without avoidable loss
of time (quite apart from the all-
important question of safety) is very
essential, and it is a favourable circum-
stance if the master of a vessel is in
possession of all relevant information
regarding the weather he may expect.

As has been stated, the system, which
is under the direct eye of the British
Government, applies only to the At-
lantic at present, but it is the inten-
tion to extend the system as soon as
possible (and if possible) to other parts
of the world. It is, however, one of
those projects in which accomplish-
ment is dependent on circumstances,
and it is up to the practical seaman
on the Atlantic, in order to give a fil-
lip to the movement, to continue to
assist the Meteorological Office in ob-
taining and giving the very latest in-
formation for the benefit of the
mariner, the shipowner, the passenger
and the commerce generally.

It has irrefutably been demon-
strated, from the tracks of hurricanes in
the Autumn of 1921, how navigators
receiving by wireless telegraphy re-
ports from other ships in the region
of hurricanes, which included the
force and direction of the wind and
the drift of currents, would be at a
great advantage; and it is probable
that when the exchange of wireless
telegraphy weather reports becomes
more general at sea, and it is possible
to compare wind and current more and
more that there will be many further
peculiarities of ocean currents ex-
plained. All new information regard-
ing currents is valuable, and with the
obtaining of further information on
this point, it is more than possible
that risks of stranding will be reduced.

It is hardly necessary to mention
that on the China Coast, and in
Japanese waters, the majority of the
small vessels, both passenger-carrying
and freighters, are unprovided with
wireless. This may be due generally
to conservatism, to an erroneous
desire to economize, or to the fact
that most of the vessels are older

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Prime Cut	20	24	12
Corned, — Ham Ngau Yuk ...	23	20	12
Roast, — Shiu	24	22	12
Breast, — Tong Nam	22	20	12
Soup, — Tong Yuk	22	20	12
Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa	24	24	12
Steak Sirloin, — Ngau Lan ...	32	30	12
Sausages, — Ngau Cheung ...	28	28	12
Bellock's Brains, — Ngau No per set	12	10	12
Tongue, fresh, — Ngau Li each 50	50	50	12
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Heart, — Ngau Tan	1.00	1.00	1.20
Heart, — Ngau Sam	12	12	14
Hump, Salt, — Ngau Kiu ...	22	20	18
Feet, — Ngau Kiu	12	10	12
Kidney, — Ngau Yiu	12	10	12
— Ngau Mai	20	20	22
Liver, — Ngau Kon	12	12	14
Tripe (undressed), Ngau To lb. 2	6	6	7
Calves' Head and Feet, — Ngau-tai-			
tan-keuk	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mutton Chop, — Yeung Fat Kwai lb.	25	25	25
Leg, — Yeung Fat	25	25	25
Shoulder, — Yeung Fat	24	24	24
Saddle, — Yeung Fat	16	16	16
Pig's Chollings, — Chu Cheung ...	25	27	27
Brains, — Chu No	22	22	22
Feet, — Chu Kuek	15	15	15
Pig, — Chu Chap	30	30	30
Head, — Chu Tan	18	20	20
Heart, — Chu Sam	10	10	10
Kidney, — Chu Yiu	10	10	10
Liver, — Chu Kon	30	30	30
Pork Chop, — Chu Fat Kwai ...	27	25	23
Leg, — Chu Fat	27	25	23
Loin, — Chu Han Ton	18	28	28
Fat or Lard, — Chu Yau	22	21	21
Sheep's Head and Feet, — Yeung			
Tan-keuk	75	60	70
Heart, — Yeung Sam	10	8	7
Kidney, — Yeung Yiu	15	12	10
Liver, — Yeung Kon	26	25	25
Sucking Pig, to order, — Chu Tai	24	25	21
Suet, Beef, — Shang Ngau Yau ...	20	20	18
Mutton, — Shang Yeung Yau ...	40	28	24
Veal, — Ngau Tai Yuk	21	20	19
Sausages, — Ngau Tai Cheung ...	20	20	20
No. 1 ... lb. 26			

Fish.

	July 28, 1922.	June 1918.	June 1914.
Sardel, — Ka Yu	19	24	19
Crabs, — Pin Yu	20	20	16
Crabs, Fresh Water Fish, —			
Hol Shu Yu	21	18	16
Caru, — Li Yu	24	18	27
Outfish, — Chik Yu	14	12	9
Outfish, — Man Yu	20	20	25
Crabs, — Hal	35	23	20
Outfish, — Mok Yu	10	16	2
Dab, — Sha Mang Yu	45	23	15
Dace, — Wong Mei Lap	14	10	9
Dog Fish, — T.1.1 Shu	10	10	8
Sale, Conger, — Hol Man	23	16	14
Fresh water, — Tan Shai Yu ...	18	20	18
Yellow, — Wong Shu Yu	30	28	30
Frog, — Tin Kiu	40	32	25
Crabs, — Shik Pau	45	40	37
Gudgeon, — Pak Kap Yu	16	16	15
Herring, — Tao Pak	22	23	18
Halibut, — Cheung Kwan Kai ...	18	18	23
Labrid, — Wong Yu Yu	24	22	18
Loach, — Wu Yu	40	22	24
Labrid, — Lung Ha	45	32	21
Mackerel, — Chik Yu	22	20	26
Mont Fish, — Mong Yu	32	28	28
Mullet, — Tai Yu	30	16	2
System, — Shang Ho	30	16	22
Parrot Fish, — Hal Kung Yu ...	14	14	9
Perch, — Tan Lo	28	20	15
Pike, — Fa Pau Fong	10	16	9
Flounder, — Pan Yu	33	28	14
Pomfret, Black, — Hak Cheung ...	30	26	28
Pomfret, White, — Hak Cheung ...	40	36	30
Prawns, — Ming Li	42	36	45
Rock, — Tai Pa Shu	10	10	14
Ray, — Shik Han Kung	14	12	16
Roach, — Chan Yu	32	22	16
Salmon, — Ma Yau	45	36	30
Shark, — Sha Yu	10	8	10
Skate, — Po Yu	15	10	10
Snappers, — Ha	24	23	35
Snapper, — Lap Yu	40	32	30

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BICKERTON.—On July 27, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Bickerton, a son.

MARRIAGE.

TEBBUTT-DEAN.—On July 27, at Shanghai, Lionel Francis Tebbutt, of London, England, to Florence Elizabeth Dean, of Syracuse, New York.

DEATH.

HABECOST.—On July 26, at Paitau, Delphine, aged 14 months, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Habecost.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1922

SUGGESTION RE CONGESTION.

Apart altogether from the housing shortage, in the sense of domestic accommodations, it is understood that office accommodation in Hongkong is inadequate. There are many businesses that want places to turn round in. Some have had to put up with makeshift offices in unsuitable quarters. Some are still waiting. Some, perhaps, have more space than they really need, and pay more than they should, because of the absence of choice in the matter. In these circumstances it seems odd that no one has thought of an obvious way to turn an honest penny by tackling this problem in the American way. In American cities you may find an institution designed to meet the needs of business men who need no more than a desk, a stenographer, a typewriter, and a good business address. The business man goes in and rents a desk. He provides his own stenographer. The institution supplies a stenographer and typist at call, charging only for the work done. For some businesses one stenographer can easily manage

the work of several. The occasional necessity for absolute privacy is, we presume, provided for. In any case a smart business man would see to that. We might well have entitled this article "How to make money in Hongkong," for we have very little doubt that the promoter of such an institution locally would make money. Transients would use it. Commercial travellers would probably be glad to take advantage of such facilities. And, as we have suggested, owing to the present insufficiency of office accommodation, it would have its full share of permanent users. Perhaps the Astor House Hotel building might be found suitable for a first experiment.

WAR DEBTS.

The greatest possible tact is required in discussing the British Note regarding war debts, and unfortunately tact is not a usual attribute of newspapers. In the present economic state of the world some such solution as a general cancellation of war debts would be a great relief, and to that extent the British suggestion deserves at least a sympathetic hearing. If all the nations could agree to start afresh with a clean sheet, the world's problem of reconstruction would be simplified. This, however, is not at present likely. France for one is expected to regard the proposal suspiciously, and we fear the American Press cannot be depended on to see it from the British point of view. Indeed, it would not be reasonable to expect that of them. The point that we only borrowed from America to lend to other Allies cannot be pressed too far, as the indebtedness of Russia, for example, probably includes heavy sums expended in the various attempts made to crush revolutionary Russia. Not that America can object to that, however, as she seems to have been as keen as France and Winston Churchill in the matter. We can hardly not agree with the *Westminster Gazette* that our statesmen have the right to cancel our claims against others as an "example" without something more than a pious hope that our creditors will follow us. That would be a sure bid for bankruptcy. The thing is so mixed up with "diplomacy" at present that the less said about it the better from our side. We had better wait for the comments of the other people involved.

SPECIAL CABLE.

SINGAPORE'S LOSS.

OLD RESIDENT DIES.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, Aug. 2.

William Webster, the doyen of the Scottish community of Singapore, aged 73, died to-day. He had been resident here for 43 years.

PASSAGES ON THE NOD.

STOWAWAYS' ALLEGATION.

The five Chinese who were yesterday remanded on charges of having stowed away from Singapore by the s.s. "Armanestan," were again before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning, when a cook of the ship who was identified by the defendants as one of the men to whom they had paid money for a passage to Hongkong, was produced in Court.

Detective Inspector J. Grant said that there was another man, but he had gone ashore and could not now be traced.

The cook denied having received any money from any of the defendants, but said that possibly the passage clerk had. He discovered one of the defendants on board as a stowaway.

The first defendant said that he paid \$10 to get a hiding place on the ship.

The second man said that his ticket was in the possession of the cook's foreman. It was handed to the foreman by his relatives for safe keeping.

Magistrate: You are unable to look after your own ticket?

Defendant: I asked the foreman for it repeatedly, but he refused to give it to me.

The third defendant said that he paid \$5 or \$7 to get a place to hide.

The fourth man said he paid \$11, as he could not manage to raise the other \$1 to buy a ticket.

The other man told a similar story. The Magistrate believed the second man and discharged him. The other four were sentenced to three weeks' jail each.

The fifth man protested loudly and was given an extra week by the Magistrate.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

King Haakon of Norway is 50 to-day.

Mr. Fred Fisher has been appointed Inspector for the S.P.C.A.

The "Atanta Maru" brought back Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Frost to the Colony.

A parcel of papers and magazines for the troops has been forwarded to us by Miss Delsie McKie.

During August there will be evening service and sermon in the Peak Church every Sunday at 6 p.m.

Burglars entered No. 39 c, Belcher Street Kennedy Town last night and made a haul of jewellery and money worth \$186. The owner did not discover his loss until the morning.

A Chinese youth was yesterday admitted to the hospital suffering from injuries received through being knocked down by motor car No. 649 in Connaught Road Central. His injuries are considered serious.

A Japanese gentleman residing at No. 12, Macdonnell Road, reports that burglars entered his house last night and stole a Remington typewriter, a gold watch and chain and some clothing worth altogether \$541.

The Imports and Exports office will only be open from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday which is a general holiday. Licensed warehouses will close altogether. The exchange banks will also be closed throughout the day.

A small fire broke out amongst some ropes in Bailey's shipyard at Tokawan last night. The fire brigade was early on the scene and extinguished the flames before they could get a hold. Only slight damage was done to the ropes.

Several witnesses were called at the Police Court yesterday afternoon before Mr. R. E. Lindell to give evidence against the young Chinese who is alleged to have been responsible for the daring jewellery robbery which took place recently at the San Company's establishment in Des Voeux Road West. The hearing was adjourned.

OUR FINANCES.

TO-DAY'S COUNCIL VOTES.

The following financial recommendations by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government were considered by the Finance Committee, following this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council:

(\$1,700) in aid of the vote Sanitary Department, Special Expenditure, 1 Steam Launch.

(\$5,000) on account of Charitable Services, Grant in aid of Charitable Institution, Fatshan Hospital, Fatshan.

(\$1,000) in aid of the vote Governor, Other Charges, Furniture.

(\$1,000) on account of Police Department, Special Expenditure, Pass Office.

(\$3,000) in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong Buildings, (18) Capo D'Aguiar Wireless Station, Extension to accommodate Chinese Lincensmen.

(\$1,370) on account of Prison Department, Other Charges, Transport.

(\$6,000) in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Miscellaneous, (84) Miscellaneous Works.

(\$125) in aid of the vote Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, Other Charges Library.

(\$16,000) in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Printing and binding.

\$20,700 in aid of the following votes:

Kowloon Canton Railway:—Maintenance of Way, Works, and Stations.

Other Charges, Slippers \$18,000.00

Repairs, Station Buildings 2,700.00

Total, \$20,700.00

SHIPPING OFFICE SENSATION.

ACCUSED BEFORE THE COURT.

Filipe Anzuelo, 26 years of age, residing at No. 36 Ico House Street, the young Filipino who was found under suspicious circumstances in the offices of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co. at 11.30 on Tuesday night, and was arrested after a short chase, when he was alleged to have threatened a Chinese constable with an automatic pistol, was produced before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Magistracy this morning.

He was charged on four counts: (1) being found in a dwelling for an unlawful purpose by night; (2) assaulting a Chinese constable with intent to resist lawful apprehension; (3) possession of a loaded revolver without a permit; and (4) possession of household implements—a jemmy, an electric torch, four files and four fretwork saws.

Mr. Lio d'Almada appeared for the defence.

Detective Inspector J. Grant, prosecuting, said that the Captain Superintendent of Police desired that the first, second and fourth charges be dealt with by his Worship, and the third charge which dealt with the revolver, be heard by two Magistrates sitting together.

The Magistrate said that he thought the case was fit to go to the Sessions, as from the brief reports he had seen, it appeared to be a serious case.

Mr. d'Almada said that from the reports in the newspapers the case certainly appeared much stronger than perhaps it really was.

Inspector Grant said that if his Worship preferred it the police would be only too glad to take the case to the Sessions. The defendant would in any case be deported to the Philippine Islands after he had been dealt with here.

Mr. Hamilton remanded the case until to-morrow morning in order to consult the first Magistrate on the matter.

WORLD THEATRE.

BLACKBIRDS.

"Blackbirds may become birds of Paradise if they learn the regenerating power of love and faith." And that regardless of what Frank Chapman, E. Harold Baynes and other ornithologists have to say about it, is the theme of the photodrama that opens on Friday next at the World Theatre with Justine Johnston making her bow to Hongkong patrons as a star. Needless to say this play of thievery in high life presents many opportunities of showing smartly goaded people against sumptuous backgrounds, and the picture as a whole is a very beautiful production. Miss Johnston's future pictures will be looked forward to with keen interest by the many friends she won. A star like Miss Johnston will no doubt attract big crowds at every performance she appears. The Base Ball players will be interested to see on the screen of the World Theatre the game played at Shanghai on July 7 last, and will also be delighted to witness Stan Pollard in the "Penny on the Spot."

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIS AFTERNOON'S MEETING.

NEW BILLS CONSIDERED.

Members of the Legislative Council were asked to consider four new Bills at this afternoon's meeting. One provided for the protection of game and the object of another was to amend the Recreation Grounds Ordinance of 1909. As for shadowed recently by the acting Colonial Secretary, a Bill was introduced providing the Government with the means of ascertaining the qualifications of Hongkong's male residents in case of emergency. A sum of \$1,001,262.12 was asked for in a Supplementary Appropriation Bill. The second reading of the Bill intimated an Ordinance to restrict the taking of legal proceedings in respect of certain acts and matters done during the war, which has been postponed on several occasions was at last proceeded with.

THE ATTENDANCE.

There were present: His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., I.E., The General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major General Sir J. S. Fowler K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

The acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B., The Attorney General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B., C.M.G., The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.B., The Director of Education, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving.

The Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins.

The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr.

The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird.

The Hon. Mr. Chou Shou-sen.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang.

The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe.

The Hon. Mr. Ng Hon Tsz.

Mr. A. Dyer Ball, Acting Clerk of Councils.

The Colonial Secretary tabled financial minutes 42 to 51 and they were referred to the Finance Committee.

LATE MR. MURRAY STEWART.

Prior to proceeding with orders of the day His Excellency referred in feeling terms to the death of Mr. Murray Stewart, who served on the Council during the years from 1908 to 1912. The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr supported I.E.'s remarks on behalf of the unofficial members and the Clerk was directed to read a message of sympathy to Mr. Gresham Stewart.

NEW BILLS.

PROTECTION OF GAME.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to make provision for the protection of certain wild birds and game, the objects and reasons of which, *inter alia* stated:

The object of this bill is to consolidate and revise the existing law on the subject of the protection of birds and game. The Wild Birds and Game Preservation Ordinance, 1914, Ordinance No. 18 of 1914, is somewhat unsatisfactory and obscure: certain of its provisions have never been enforced, while others are not in accordance with local conditions. The present bill therefore repeals this Ordinance and replaces it with a clearer and more intelligible enactment, protecting game and harmless wild birds and at the same time withdrawing protection from noxious birds and from one destructive animal, the deer.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to amend the Recreation Grounds Ordinance 1909, the objects and reasons of which were stated as follows:—

1. The object of this bill is to give power to apply the surplus revenue derived from the Chinese Recreation Ground to any charitable purpose approved by the Governor. Naturally, only Chinese charities will be so approved. The immediate intention is to contribute \$100 a month to the upkeep of the new Maternity Hospital at Sai Ying Pun. The present revenue from the Chinese Recreation Ground is about \$273 a month, and the average expenditure for the last six months was \$134 a month, leaving a surplus of about \$139 a month.

2. Clause 3 of the bill is added because in 1920 the sum of \$10,000 was paid out of the accumulated revenue of the Chinese Recreation Ground towards the cost of constructing the above Maternity Hospital, and it is necessary to legalize this payment.

The balance to the credit of the Chinese Recreation Ground account on the 31st May, 1922, was \$6,359 91.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read the first time.

REGISTERING QUALIFICATIONS.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to provide for the registration of certain persons.

The objects and reasons stated:—

1. This bill proposes to repeal the Registration of Persons Ordinance, 1916, and to re-enact the provisions of that Ordinance with certain alterations.

2. The method of repeal and re-enactment, rather than that of amendment, has been adopted, partly for convenience of reference and partly in order to avoid possible misunderstanding.

3. Every person liable to registration, i.e., every person except the persons specified in the First Schedule, will have to register afresh under the new Ordinance. Persons in the Colony at the commencement of the Ordinance will have a month in which to register, and persons arriving in the Colony after the commencement of the Ordinance will have a month after arrival in which to register.

4. The principal change introduced by the new bill is that in future it will be necessary for everyone liable to registration to state any special

qualifications which are not disclosed by the mere statement of the person's profession or occupation. This is in order that it may be known beforehand what each registered person would be able to do in the event of an emergency. A note to the Second Schedule makes some suggestions as to how the special qualification space should be filled up. It will be important to give details from which the extent of the qualification may be gathered. Clause 4 of the bill provides that the returns and register are to be confidential.

5. The following minor changes have also been made.

6. Persons arriving in the Colony after the commencement of the Ordinance will have a month in which to register, instead of two weeks as at present. A similar remark applies to persons who may happen after the commencement of the Ordinance, to cease to be within the excepted classes specified in the First Schedule.

For example, a soldier who leaves the army in the Colony, or a youth who reaches the age of 19 years, will in future have one month in which to register instead of two weeks as at present.

7. Every registered person will have to report to the Captain Superintendent of Police any intended departure from the Colony which is intended to extend, or which may possibly extend, to a period of more than one month.

8. Returns will no longer be required to be witnessed.

9. The maximum fine is made \$250 in accordance with what may be called the standard fine for minor offences. Under the present Ordinance it is \$50. The further fine of \$10 a day for continuing offences has not been changed.

10. In order to facilitate proof of it is provided that in any criminal proceedings under the Ordinance it shall be presumed that the accused person was liable to registration.

11. Women are excluded from the Ordinance altogether and need not register.

12. Certain particulars have been omitted in the Second Schedule, e.g., particulars as to marriage and place of birth. On the other hand, it will in future be necessary for each registered person to state his business telephone number and house telephone number. He will be required to give the number of the nearest telephone to his house. The addition of the special qualification item was referred to in paragraph 4 above.

The Hon. Attorney General explained this afternoon that the Bill was merely a re-enactment of the existing Registration of Persons Ordinance with certain alterations. Persons would now be required to register afresh giving certain particulars. Persons would be given a month in which to register. They would have to give certain particulars setting out their qualification. The reason for this was that in an emergency they would know what each man could do. He hoped people would not be deterred by modesty from giving these particulars even if they were not as full as they personally wished.

The Hon. Director of Public Works seconded and the Bill was read.

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SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION.

The Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of a supplementary sum of one million and one thousand two hundred and sixty-two dollars and twelve cents to defray the charges of the year 1922. The Bill contained the following abstract of the additional appropriations required:—

Governor, 10,375.19

Colonial Secretary's Department, 8,457.07

Audit Department, 5,448.87

Treasury, 17,196.53

Harbour Master's Department, 98,604.53

Royal Observatory, 893.51

Miscellaneous Services, 196,971.82

Judicial and Legal Department, 17,001.20

Police and Fire Brigade, 98,920.56

Prison Department, 13,110.56

Medical Department, 9,334.77

Public Works Department, 19,089.00

Public Works, Recurrent, 97,932.53

Post Office, 1,336.10

Kowloon-Canton Railway, 210,531.99

Charge on Account of Public Debt, 108,244.88

Pensions, 76,945.51

Charitable Services, 11,759.61

Total, \$1,001,262.12

The Attorney General seconded and the Bill was read the first time.

INDEMNITY BILL.

CLAIMS OF SHIPOWNERS.

PETITION TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A petition on behalf of eight Steamship Companies in Hongkong and Shanghai was presented to the Legislative Council, this afternoon in connection with the Indemnity Bill which, amongst other things, bars certain shipping claims in respect of ships requisitioned during the war. The second reading of the Bill figured amongst the items on the notice paper for this afternoon's meeting and was moved by the Attorney General.

After he had formally seconded the motion the Colonial Secretary announced that certain parties had attended to address the Council in regard to the Bill.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Dawson and Harston) then came forward and read the petition which set out that it had been learned that it was the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill into the Legislative Council to prevent the recovery of the said moneys by your Petitioners. Separate actions have now been commenced in the Supreme Court of Hongkong on behalf of all ships concerned.

After reviewing the whole position, the petition concluded:—

"Your Petitioners therefore urge that the Bill be so modified as to save the rights of all your Petitioners to prosecute their claims unimpaired in the Courts or in the alternative to distribute the aforesaid sum of \$2,231,204.11 rateably amongst your Petitioners. For in its present form the Bill is in the opinion of your Petitioners unwarranted, unjust, inequitable and unfair and represents an attempt to tax ships not registered in this Colony."

The Colonial Secretary made a brief reply, and the Bill passed the second reading. The Bill was in Committee as we went to press.

THE PETITIONERS.

The petitioners were:—

Messrs. The Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., owners of the Steamships "Haitan" and "Hailong."

Messrs. Moller & Co. (Shanghai), Ltd., of Shanghai, owners of the Steamships "Munapuri" and "Castelfield" (now called "Lucy Moller" and "Ralph Moller" respectively).

Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke of Hongkong, representing the owners of the Steamship "Brisbane."

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITAIN IN INDIA.

LLOYD GEORGE TALKS.

LONDON, August 2.

In the course of a debate in the Commons concerning the anxiety of British civil servants in India in regard to the effect of the constitutional reforms on their position Mr. Lloyd George said that despite drawbacks there had been a very satisfactory measure of success in the great experiment of the self-government of India but the real test would be whether the moderates or the anti-British extremists were returned at the next election. If the latter that would constitute a serious situation which Britain would have to take into account. He emphatically declared that Britain would never relinquish her responsibilities to India and would take whatever steps were necessary to discharge or enforce them because the withdrawal of the strong hand of Britain from India would result in anarchy. The British civil-service must remain in India. The Government would see they got fair play. The British Empire meant at all costs to continue to discharge her sacred trust in India and to fulfil her high destiny. (Cheers.)

GREEKS ON W. PATH.

TROOPS CONCENTRATING.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 2.

A British communique states that the Greek concentration of troops in Eastern Thrace continues. Military and naval preparations for resisting attempts to violate the neutral zone are going on. Greek cavalry crossed the frontier at Kurlali in the morning. Turkish police fired and the Greeks withdrew leaving three killed and one wounded. Greek patrols occupied a farm at Sarikoni over the line of demarcation and a French officer demanded explanations.

CROWN AGENTS.

POLICY OF PREFERENCE.

LONDON, August 2.

In the House of Commons the Hon. E. F. L. Wood, Under-Secretary for the Colonies replying to Mr. C. G. L. Lyle said that the practice of the Crown Agents giving preference for colonial requirements to British firms remained. Only two small contracts for manufactured goods were placed outside the United Kingdom last year, namely dump cars for harbour works on the Gold Coast, valued at £11,000 and ordered from Canada by desire of the consulting engineers and neo-salvage for Ceylon, valued at £7,000 and ordered from Germany at the express request of the Ceylon government.

"DISGRACEFUL."

HONGKONG AND AIRCRAFT DEFENCES.

LONDON, August 2.

In the House of Commons Earl Curzon asked whether there were any aircraft defences in any British dockyards, fuelling stations or naval establishments abroad other than Malta. Col. Amery said he understood that aircraft were available if required for the defence of Port Said, Suez and Aden. Asked whether that meant that there were no aircraft defences at Singapore and Hongkong Col. Amery replied in the affirmative. Commander Kenworthy remarked "Disgraceful."

ANOTHER WORLD FLIGHT.

ALL-ENGLISH SEAPLANE.

LONDON, August 3.

The Secretary for Air, Capt. the Rt. Hon. F. E. Guest replying to a question by Col. Moore Brabazon said in the House of Commons he understood that a proposal was afoot to attempt a world flight by an all-English seaplane next year. The participants had approached the Air Ministry which was satisfied that the project was sound and had a reasonable chance of success. The Ministry was prepared to assist when the time came. He understood the Air League of the Empire was also helping.

THE MARK MARKET.

LONDON, August 2.

The London exchange market is depressed. German marks are panicky on the French note and the absence of any indication that Germany is abandoning her policy of inflation, closing about 3760.

AUSTRALIA AND WASHINGTON TREATIES.

MELBOURNE, Aug. 2.

The House of Representatives has ratified the Washington treaties.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S CABIN BOY.

One of the oldest inhabitants of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, has known in its history is Mr. John Conduit, who was admitted suffering from pneumonia, and is believed now to be dying, says the recent issue of a Sydney paper. He was born in England on January 26, 1818. John Conduit was toddling around half a year before Victoria was born. He saw the sailor king come and go, and saw take his place the Girl Queen. He helped us here in Australia to celebrate her jubilee, then 10 years later the Diamond Jubilee. And he has lived more than two decades after she was laid to rest. While he was but little more than a baby he saw Napoleon at St. Helena, and nearly 20 years later saw the remains of the Great Emperor taken to the Franco he had loved so well. He saw Gladstone first enter the affairs of England, and saw him become the nation's greatest man. He came among us to find us a few scattered colonies, and 10 years later saw laid the foundation-stone of our nationhood. For 80 years Mr. Conduit was a sea captain. He commenced his sea career as cabin boy to Queen Victoria, on board her private yacht, and had her personal friendship and kindly interest. In 1880 he retired from the sea, and came to Australia. For the past 20 years he has lived at Five Dock with his youngest son (his "baby boy 64 years old," Mr. Conduit will explain).

JUNE RAINFALL.

Following is the record of the rain fall during July, 1922, at the Botanic Gardens—

DATE.	INCH.
1st.	—
2nd.	—
3rd.	—
4th.	—
5th.	.08
6th.	—
7th.	.19
8th.	4.18
9th.	.29
10th.	2.05
11th.	.56
12th.	2.65
13th.	3.00
14th.	.01
15th.	—
16th.	—
17th.	—
18th.	—
19th.	.16
20th.	.41
21st.	—
22nd.	—
23rd.	—
24th.	—
25th.	—
26th.	.09
27th.	1.48
28th.	2.21
29th.	.86
30th.	.03
31st.	—

Total 18.33 inches.

CANTON NEWS

A PLOT TO OUST SUN.

The Northern Expeditionary Army was attacked in three directions by Chan's troops at Tzucheng, Yanfa and Youngyin, and completely routed, according to a cable received here yesterday afternoon.

It reported that arrangements are being made at Canton now to recall the victorious troops for a rest after their strenuous spell at the front, and to replace them by fresh troops from Canton.

Another cable reports that General Li Le-kwan is moving his troops down from Nanking to assist General Hui-Sung-shi's defeated men.

General Ip Kai, Chan Kwing-ming's deputy in Canton has issued instructions for the holding of a victory celebration in the City in order to give the returning troops a fitting welcome home.

A meeting of Military and Naval heads was held at Ip Kai's headquarters on the White Cloud mountain yesterday to discuss further plans for taking back by force the four cruisers of the Northern Squadron at present in Sun Yat-sen's possession at Pakmatan.

The meeting is reported to have decided to request Admiral Wan Shih-tak to co-operate in the movement. The plan, which has now leaked out, is to send about 12 gunboats under Commander Chan Tin-jok to surround Sun's cruisers and demand his immediate surrender failing which his warships will be fired upon. The meeting also decided to enlist the help of the three cruisers "Hoikay," "Hoisun," and "Suiko," at present anchored off Boca Tigra. They will be stationed at the entrance to Canton harbour to cut off Sun's retreat, and will be called into action only when needed. It is reported that it is intended to carry out the plan at an early date, and great excitement is prevailing in Canton at present in the expectation of further fighting in the vicinity of the City.

THE OVERCROWDED TRAMS.

MORE COMING.

The China Mail learns indirectly that more street cars have been ordered, and may be here sometime next year.

Meanwhile, we still suffer.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. s.s. "Empress of Russia" is now due here at 6 p.m. to-day and will berth at Pier No. 5, Bowloon Wharf.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" from Hongkong on July 13 arrived at Vancouver on July 31.

Two B. F. s.s. "Antiochus" left Liverpool on July 29 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about August 31.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

GENERAL HOLIDAY. This office will be open for all purposes from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on MONDAY, the 31st August, 1922. Licensed warehouses will be entirely closed on that day.

N. L. SMITH, Superintendent, Imports and Exports.

Hongkong, August 2, 1922.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 7th inst.

Hongkong, August 2, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE KERR STEAMSHIP CO. INC.

THE Steamship

"TILTHORN"

having arrived from New York via ports on 1st August, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo will be landed into the Godowns of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. and stored at their risk and expense.

All b-l-t-n, checked and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godown where the examination will be held on the 8th inst. at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within thirty days after steamer's arrival here, after which they will not be recognised.

No claims will be accepted after the Goods have left the Godowns and cargo undelivered on or after the 8th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Consignees are requested to send in their B/L for Counter-signature immediately to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents

Hongkong, August 2, 1922.

THE HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

NOTICE.

MR. FRED FISHER has been appointed Inspector for the Society.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, August 2, 1922.

THE PEAK CHURCH.

THERE will be evening service and sermon in the Peak Church on the Sundays in August at 6 p.m.

Hongkong, August 3, 1922.

TO LET.

A STOR HOUSE.—A few more rooms to let. Apply at premises.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HE Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY, August 4, 1922, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

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CHINESE IN MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE BOOT.

It is asserted, semi-officially, that the Mexican government has prepared a lengthy list of Chinese in Sonora and the west coast of Mexico, who are to be deported on account of trouble arising among themselves and because of the rising opposition to the Chinese in Mexico.

The Sonora state legislature has just passed a law requiring all Chinese to register, giving all details about themselves. Some 200 are in jail in Sonora charged with rioting and attempted murder, and more arrests are threatened. Charges are made that the state government has taken sides in the Chinese quarrel, a meeting those who opposed the radical Chinese, the real authors of the trouble.

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August 9.—Lammert Bros., 3 boilers (ex s.s. "Chiyo Maru"), Tai-koo Dockyard, 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETING.

August 18.—Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., Queen's Buildings at noon. British Traders' Insurance Co. Ltd., Queen's Buildings 12.10 p.m. China Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., Queen's Buildings, 12.15 p.m.

TEN-YEAR CL' CK.

EIGHT-DAY TIME PIECE A BACK NUMBER.

A ten-year electric clock is shortly to be placed on the market. It is guaranteed to keep accurate time and to require no repairs. The invention, which threatens to revolutionise all the old standards of clockmaking, is the work of two Frenchmen—M. Marcel Moullin, a scientist, and H. Maurice Favre, a chronometer-maker. The British-Horo-Electric Co., Ltd., of Kingway, are placing the clocks on the market. At the company's offices a Daily News reporter saw between 30 and 40 of these clocks, all with silently swinging pendulums and registering the same time to the second.

The ten-year clock has far less mechanism than the ordinary clock—"only two wheels and a worm screw," according to the chairman of the company. The clock is worked by an electric magnetic current. A small Leclanché cell is fitted into a brass cylinder behind the face. The wires from the cell are connected to the pendulum and the frame work respectively. The pendulum, which is hollow moves backward and forward on a magnetised rod. Additional devices provide for the movement of the hands of the clock.

There is nothing in the mechanism according to its inventors, which can possibly go out of order until the battery runs dry or its contents are exhausted, and the cells, they declare, are guaranteed to last for ten years. At the end of that time the purchase of a new cell will set the clock off on another ten years' run. The Buile clock, as it is called, is at present made in one standard size only, that of the ordinary mantelpiece clock, the price being £8 8s.

CHINA COAST.

LATEST SHIPPING CHANGES.

Mr. F. W. Potter, second officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone sup'y officer, same ship.

Mr. C. R. Fisher, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Soochow." Mr. L. J. Fugler, chief officer, "Soochow," has resigned.

Mr. L. W. Harrison, second officer, "Wuchang," has gone second officer, "Changchow."

Mr. B. Stewart, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Wuchang."

Mr. J. L. Farrell, chief officer, "Poiting," has resigned. Mr. F. E. B. More, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Poiting."

Mr. J. V. Locke, chief officer, "Ngankin," has gone chief officer, "Tungting."

Mr. W. Peplow, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Ngankin."

Mr. E. D. Holmes, second officer, "Chinhu," has resigned. Mr. W. T. Paul, second officer, "Kalgan," has gone second officer, "Chinhu."

Mr. A. C. Love, chief engineer, "Kweilin," has gone chief engineer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. R. K. Burns, chief engineer, "Hsin Peking," has gone chief engineer, "Kweilin."

Mr. A. B. Omond, second officer, "Choyang," has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. R. J. T. Hopkins acting chief officer, "Choyang," is on leave.

Mr. P. V. Mayers, sup'y third engineer, "Koonshing," has gone sup'y third engineer, "Luenho."

Mr. G. F. Cram, sup'y third engineer, "Luenho," has gone sup'y third engineer, "Koonshing."

Mr. J. Rybalkovsky has been appointed second officer, "Kiangyung." Mr. F. Prezdelski has been appointed third engineer, "Taishun."

A MASTER MARINER'S CERTIFICATE.

In sentencing John Thomson, found guilty of forging a certificate qualifying him to command ships, the Shanghai judge said he entirely agreed with the jury's verdict. It was a most serious offence alone to commit a forgery. In this case there was an even more serious element. The master of a ship had the lives of many people in his charge. All nations took care before allowing a man to command a vessel, to make certain that that man was competent. The prisoner had endeavoured to obtain the command of a ship without being competent. But he (the learned Judge) would take into consideration everything that defending counsel had said on behalf of the prisoner. He had a very good character. He had served faithfully and well on various ships. "Therefore I am going to take your long career into consideration," said his Lordship. "I have power to give you a long term of penal servitude, but I am going to pass a sentence, which I fear is too lenient, of 18 months' hard labour. I had rather err on the side of mercy."

CARGO BOAT DISPUTE.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Yesterday the *China Mail* intimated the break down of negotiations for the settlement of the cargo boatmen's dispute. An official statement from the Secretary for Chinese Affairs has now been received and is published below. The engagement form annexed is one proposed by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, which though acceptable to the hirers was declined by the boatmen with the exception of the paragraph relating to typhoons.

CARGO BOATS.

Through the mediation of a Committee on which the General Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce were represented, under the Chairmanship of the Harbour Master, a settlement of questions between Cargo boat owners and charterers was reached in March last on the following terms:—

1. A day's hire shall be from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. but should the work continue after 10 p.m. a quarter rate additional shall be paid up to 6 a.m.
2. If any boat is engaged after 6 p.m. and works during the night, a day's hire shall be paid and no extra pay for night work shall be made in this case.
3. Half a day's pay shall be paid for a boat engaged but not used.
4. A fraction of a day shall be paid for as a full day.
5. When the black Typhoon Signal is hoisted all boats under hire shall be towed to shelter at the expense of the hirer. Work resumed after the Signal is lowered shall be at the rate agreed on when hired.
6. The above agreements may be waived by mutual consent of parties concerned.

Agreed to by all Parties on this 20th day of April, 1922.

These conditions have in practice been found unworkable: the principal stumbling block being the possibility of abuse of the 25% regulation for work after 10 p.m.

Prolonged discussions during the last three weeks resulted in an agreement to cancel terms 1-5 of the March settlement, and to make No. 6 alone operative. To give it effect a form for separate contracts for each engagement was agreed upon in principle: and considerable progress was made towards shaping it. In its most recent outline it is as follows:—

TRANSLATION OF FORM FOR ENGAGEMENT OF CARGO BOATS.

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from punctually before (hour and date)

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AGREED INCLUSIVE PRICE (excluding extras as above) \$.....

The following conditions shall apply to all engagements:—

1. When the black typhoon signal is hoisted before the clearance of all goods from boats under hire, they shall be towed to refuge at the expense of the hirers. But if the black signal is hoisted after the clearance of all goods from the boats, the hirers shall be relieved of all further responsibility in the matter.
2. Cargo boat owners shall use all due diligence in the performance of this agreement.

SIGNATURE OF HIRER

Date

The charterers are content that the price for each engagement should be agreed upon—and signed for in advance within these conditions; but the Cargo boat owners insist on the

RENTS ORDINANCE CASE.

LANDLORD SEEKS POSSESSION.

In the Summary Court yesterday Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Paines Judge, had a case under the Rents Ordinance brought before him.

Chiu Chi and Chiu Ki, merchants, of 84 Jervoise St., claimed from Wing Shing Cheong, merchants, of 286 Queen's Road Central, possession of premises, with means for site and damage. Mr. M. K. Lo represented the plaintiffs, but there was no appearance on the part of the defendants.

Mr. Lo in opening, stated that Mr. G. R. Haywood had been acting for the defendants. The claim was for the possession of the premises leased to defendants, as they were required for reconstruction to make them into a new building. He had asked Mr. Haywood whether he would state what his defence was, but Mr. Haywood said that he had no defence unless it was that the alterations intended to be made by the plaintiffs did not amount to reconstruction as was required by the Ordinance before possession could be secured. Mr. Haywood had stated that he had received no further instructions from his client since he took up the case.

Chiu Chi in the course of evidence stated that he and his brother were the registered owners of 286 Queen's Road Central and that defendants had been monthly tenants for about 10 or 11 years. On April 10 he had instructed his architect (Mr. Roe) to give defendants notice to quit by July 8, as he wanted the premises back for alterations and reconstruction so as to make it a new building.

After the architect had given formal evidence to the effect that he gave defendants notice to quit, Mr. Lo informed His Lordship that he believed that defendants were not in Court because they were under the impression that in their absence the judge might say nothing about the costs of the action.

The case was adjourned until Saturday morning, when further evidence will be taken respecting the receipt of the notice to quit.

TOO MUCH WATER.

NO SHORTAGE IN A DAIRY.

A Chinese dairy keeper was yesterday afternoon fined \$100 by Mr. E. W. Hamilton for having sold adulterated cow's milk to which 10 per cent. of water had been added.

Mr. W. B. Hind, for the defence, applied for the defendant's discharge on the ground that no sample of the milk, as examined by the Government Analyst, was produced in Court.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Assistant Crown Solicitor, produced part of a broken bottle containing some dried milk, and explained that owing to the fermentation of the milk, the bottle had burst. He submitted that the sample had been produced.

The Magistrate upheld Mr. Hazlerigg's contention, and after hearing the evidence of a Sanitary Inspector who took three samples of the milk one of which he handed to the defendant, one he sent to the Government Analyst, and the other he retained himself, Mr. Hamilton convicted the defendant.

addition under all conditions of the 25% extra for work after 10 p.m.: they are not prepared to agree to include consideration of this item in this single agreed price of the whole contract. The charterers on their side cannot see their way to accept this addition, and refuse to consider it.

The charterers are now considering the formation of a cargo boat company of their own, which will make them independent of outside hire in future.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the Harbour Master interviewed some 200 cargo boat owners this (Wednesday) afternoon; but after much discussion failed to reach a settlement.

WOMAN WRANGLER AT CAMBRIDGE.

SUCCESS OF SALVATION ARMY LASS.

The honour of being the only woman Wrangler at Cambridge this year has fallen to Miss Alice May Coote, a Salvation Army lass, of Walthamstow, and daughter of the chief cashier of the Salvation Army Bank.

When informed of her success Miss Coote evinced surprise but appeared quite unaffected by her victory. Her first step to victory was a scholarship won at the Council School at Walthamstow in 1913, which gave her four years' study at the local High School.

She followed up this success with another in 1917, by winning the Essex County Council scholarship. She was the first girl in the senior Cambridge local examination.

After that she won the Cambridge Higher Local with first in mathematics and second in French. Then she obtained a scholarship for the University.

"She is the cleverest of a family of five," said her father, to an interviewer, "but though a mathematician she is none the less clever at her needlework and cooking. She has always been a good house girl, and that night was mending the children's clothes and doing a little washing without any knowledge of her success. In fact, she said the papers were very hard, and thought perhaps she would only get a second."

Her career is one of the romances of the Salvation Army, because she has been associated with the movement ever since she was a child. Her father has been in the Army's open-air services.

Whilst at college at Cambridge she took a Salvation Army class.

She has been three years at Cambridge working hard at her studies, and will probably take up the teaching profession. Popular amongst her schoolfellows, she is fond of sport, especially swimming.

AIRSHIPS AGAIN.

ADMIRALTY'S INTEREST IS REVIVED.

It appears from an announcement in *The Times* that official interest in the future of the airship has suddenly revived, says the *Naval and Military Record* in mail week. Both the Admiralty and the Air Ministry are understood to have signified their willingness to set aside funds for lighter-than-air craft development, and to lend financial support to the Burney scheme for establishing an Imperial airship service. Apparently, the offers have been made independently and not as the result of an arrangement between the two Departments concerned, between whom, in fact, a difference of opinion has arisen as to the future control of such airships as may be made available for national service. The Air Ministry wishes to retain this control in its own hands, whereas the Admiralty are believed to have made their offer contingent upon the transfer of such control to them.

It is unfortunate that there should be any inter-Departmental rivalry on a question of national importance, but in this particular case our sympathy lies with the Admiralty. If the airship possesses any value for war work, it is obviously limited to the naval sphere, for the warmest Zeppelin enthusiasts would hardly maintain that these vessels are capable of being used with advantage in land operations. But if they are to be regarded as fleet auxiliaries, the Admiralty have a clear right to insist not only on controlling them in time of war, but on dictating the general features of their design.

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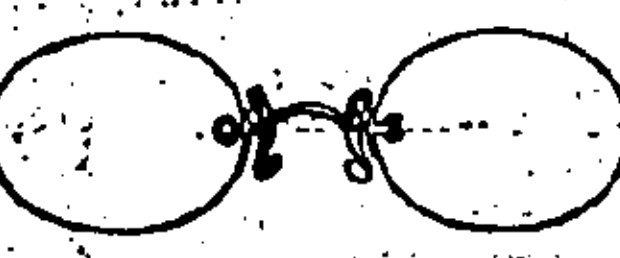
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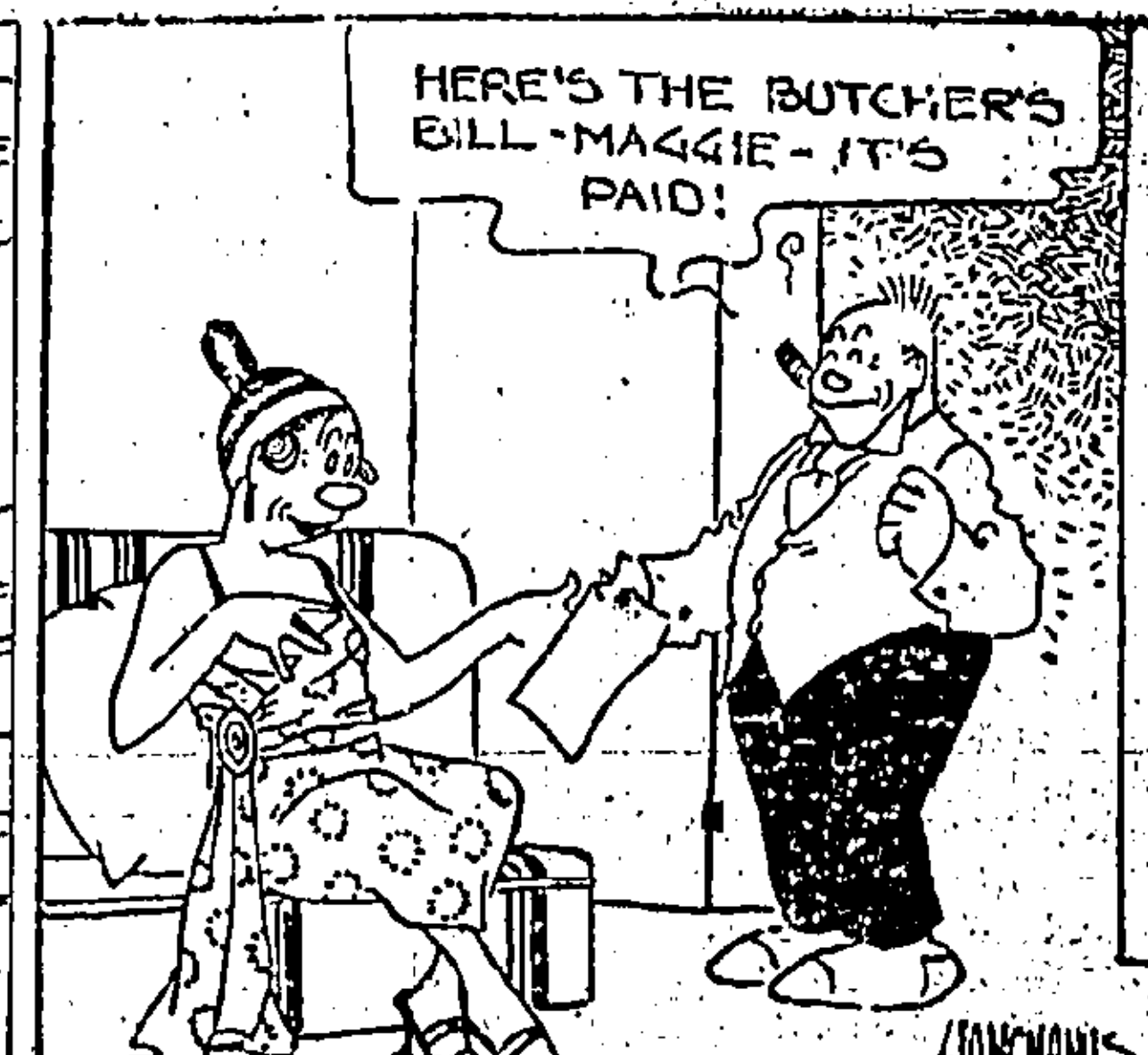
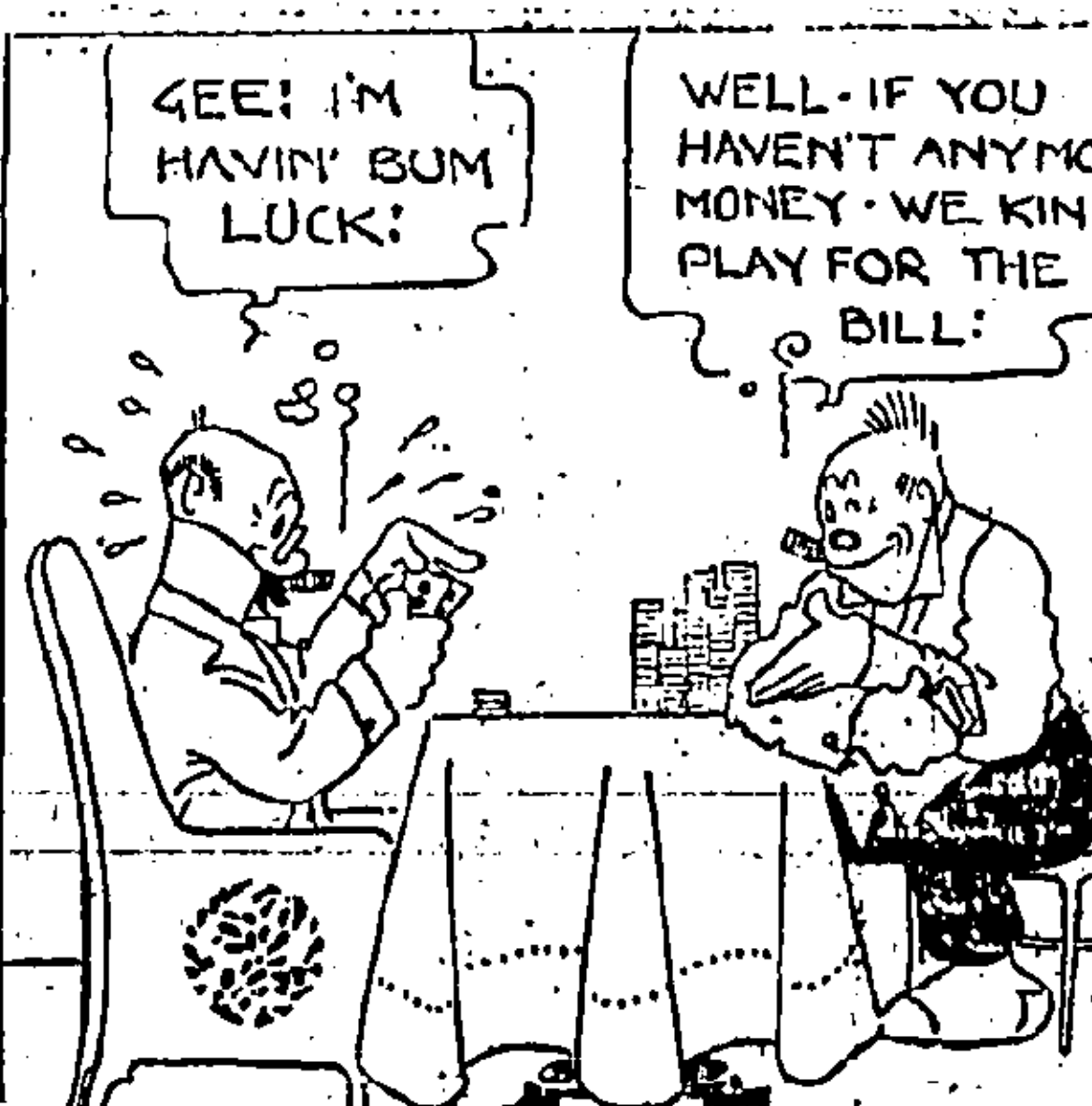
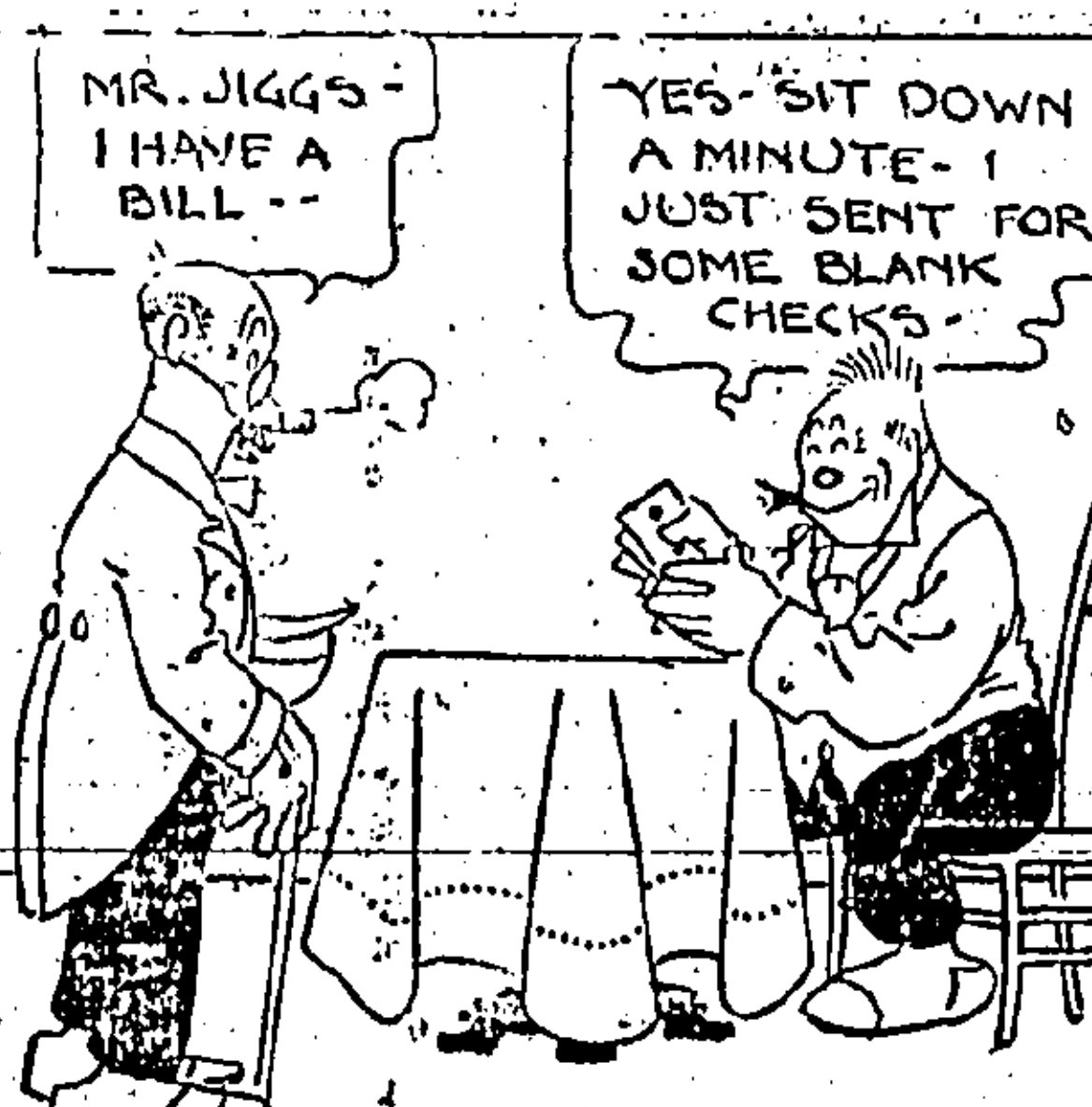
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GOVERNMENT MINT IN SHANGHAI.

CRITICISM AND REPLY.

Mr. F. M. Sah, managing director of the Shanghai Chinese Government Mint, has issued a statement regarding the progress of work in the institution, in reply to an article in Wednesday's issue of the *Sinchenpao* criticising the alleged delay of work in the Mint. The *Sinchenpao* said: "The Government Mint in Tsinan, Shantung, which has been organized for about two years, will be inaugurated on September 1. Although the much heralded Shanghai Government Mint has been organized for three years, the date of its inauguration is still uncertain and it appears that a loan has been wasted. The Management cannot plead lack of funds, because the loan concluded with the Chinese Bankers has been advanced. We cannot see why a site for the Mint has not yet been decided upon and why no plan has been laid down for the installation of machinery, etc. The personnel of the Organizing Committee has twice been changed. And now we only find an idle organ bearing the sign 'Shanghai Government Mint Preparatory Office'."

Mr. Sah's statement follows:—"The necessary expenses for the organization of the Shanghai Government Mint have been secured through the conclusion of a loan with the Chinese Banking Group for \$2,500,000. The loan contract was signed on March 3, 1921. It provides that the Chinese Group shall be entitled to the power of supervising the disbursements of the said loan and the privilege of appointing an inspecting Auditor to the Mint. All cheques issued by the Mint shall be counter-signed by the said inspecting Auditor."

"In the summer of 1921, a parcel of land with an area of 103 mow, 3 fun and 1 li, and situate on the northern bank of the Southwark Creek near Gordon Road, was purchased."

"The plan for the building of the Mint was drawn up by Messrs. Atkinson & Dallas, the British architects. The contract of erection of the said building was awarded as a result of public tender to Yau Sin-kee, contractors."

"The said building is constructed of reinforced concrete. Work was commenced at the end of October, 1921. The front part of the building, including the administrative office and work shops, and except the electricity generating room (power house) and the cement flooring, has been completed."

"The contract for the machinery supplies was concluded on August 5 with well-known firms, also as a result of public tender. The plant which is most up-to-date is capable of minting \$800,000 silver dollars per day. Three shipments of the machinery have arrived in Shanghai, and the rest will reach Shanghai in August this year."

"All plans and specifications regarding the building and the plant of the Mint have duly been submitted to the Currency Bureau at Peking and to the Chinese Banking Group respectively for approval. No contracts that have not been approved by the Currency Bureau have ever been concluded by the Mint."

"The price of the site for the Mint, the cost of erection of all buildings and the purchase of the manufacturing plant, Customs duty, freight rates and various sundry expenses approximately amount to \$4,000,000."

"The foregoing is only a general survey of the work of the Mint. Any one who wishes further details of the organization of the institution is requested to apply to the management, who will be glad to supply any information desired."

LEPER'S CRIME.

A KOREAN HORROR.

Owing to the superstition, existing among Korean lepers who imagine if they take human flesh or sip human blood, they will be cured of the disease, very cruel actions are often committed by them. According to a message from Seoul, a Korean girl named Otsun 5 years of age, at Nollm, South Chyungchong Province, was discovered seriously injured in a mulberry field near her house a few days ago. It appears that she was amputing herself near her house, when a leper dressed in foreign clothes approached her, and giving her 15 sen, took her to a field near by. He cut her with a sharp knife in the thigh and sucked her blood and ran away. The police are on the hunt. A somewhat similar superstition sometimes causes trouble in Japan. These unfortunate people ought to be provided for in asylums, but dirigible airplanes are to have a first call on the public purse.

CRUSOE'S ISLAND.

NEW USE FOR IT IN STORY.

Robinson Crusoe's Island is about to be turned into a health resort. There is very good reason to believe that when Defoe wrote his famous book he was, to a large extent, describing the adventures of a real man—Alexander Selkirk. Certainly, Selkirk's life was as remarkable as anything to be found in fiction. He was for years a member of a crew of buccaners. After a terrific quarrel with his shipper, Selkirk asked to be marooned on the island of Juan Fernandez, out in the Pacific Ocean, 420 miles west of Valparaiso. Here the adventurer lived for four years and four months from 1704 to 1709. He really did have a "man Friday," an Indian whom he rescued from death in the woods: he was drowned one day before Selkirk actually left the island. Finally, Selkirk was rescued by a certain Captain Rogers, in skins and wilder in appearance than the goats themselves."

Juan Fernandez to-day belongs to the Chilean Government. It is said to possess one of the finest climates in the world, and is strongly recommended as a place to which consumptives in search of a cure should repair. The more frequent calling of steamers is to be arranged, which would be an improvement, for, at times, only one boat a year has been known to visit the island. In size the island is thirteen miles long by four miles in breadth; it is by no means barren, the scenery is varied and it has mountains, some of which rise to a height of 3,000 feet. Over most of the island there is quite a luxuriant vegetation of which magnificent tree ferns are a prominent feature. Then there are wild pears, quinces, packages and grapes. Some of these are quite like the descendants of the original fruit trees which were cultivated by Selkirk. As for animals, goats, pigs, and a certain number of ponies run wild. The sea abounds with fish, and seals quite commonly visit the shores. The present inhabitants number about fifty, chiefly the remnants of some emigrants who were encouraged to settle on Chilean authorities. Once the island was used as a penal settlement, but, owing to the irregular way in which ships called at Juan Fernandez some years ago, convicts and warders were often left without supplies."

There are still a few things to be seen that can be associated with Selkirk. The visitor is shown the cave which he used as a house. Round the walls are some shelves made from which Selkirk used to watch for passing ships. Some years ago a Chilean surveying party discovered here the remains of an old flagstaff which was quite likely to have been the one actually set up by Selkirk. Not far away from this spot there is a tablet. This was inscribed and erected to the memory of Selkirk by the officers and men of a British battleship that visited the island in 1908.

AUSTRALIAN VENTURE.

AN INFLUENTIAL TRADE GROUP.

Much has already been done by the Commonwealth of Australia, both by the Government and by individual firms, to secure for the country an established position in the trade of the Far East, but every now and again there comes a new effort to prove that Australia has a fixed impression that there is a great commercial future here, in which she is going to be largely represented, says the *N. O. Daily News*. Another Australian commercial enterprise to do with the Far East has now been reported.

Some months ago, W. G. Crockam, well known amongst business people by virtue of 15 years' work in the East, and highly popular with the general public on account of his success as a jockey, left for Australia to recover some of the health he had lost. He returned as fit as possible and with evidence that he had made something more than an invalid's holiday, for he is here now as the Eastern manager of Australian Manufacturers, Ltd., a newly organized group of influential firms representing a capital of between £5,000,000 and £8,000,000, whose special purpose is to develop trade with the Far East. It is impossible to name here all the lines represented, but it can safely be said that there is very little not dealt with by Mr. Crockam's organization.

Before leaving, Mr. Crockam was entertained by many of the leading business people in Melbourne, who spoke most enthusiastically of the business to be done here. One of the most encouraging was Mr. A. S. Rodgers, the Minister of Customs, who is so impressed with the opportunities that he announced: "I intend to call at an early date a conference to go in to the whole question of trade representation in the East. I shall invite manufacturers, shippers and all classes of business men, and I want to thrash the whole matter out with you. I have a very definite proposal to submit."

The new organization proposes to open up not only in China, but also Java, Malaya and India. Shanghai being the starting point. Mr. Crockam drew attention to the great need for better shipping facilities and also for direct banking between Australia and the Far East and the outcome was a discussion of the possibility of securing an immediate improvement in shipping services. Various difficulties in the way of direct and cheaper transport were gone into and, though no definite decision has yet been come to, it is understood that the E. and A. Line is ready to extend its service to Shanghai in return for a moderate measure of Government support thus enabling Australian exporters to ship direct to the main Chinese trade centre without incurring the extra expense and interruption of transshipment at Hongkong.

THE HAGUE AND THE PRESS.

ORDERED TO LEAVE THE PEACE PALACE.

The preliminary session of The Hague Conference was opened this afternoon, when the delegates were welcomed by Jonkheer van Karnebeek, the Dutch Foreign Minister. Subsequently Jonkheer van Karnebeek, on the proposal of Sir Philip Lloyd Greame, was appointed President, says a Hague wire to the *Daily News* of June 16.

The Foreign Minister, in his speech of welcome, said the Dutch Government was happy to receive the members of the Conference, believing that their efforts might lead to peace. After the experiences of Genoa, he hoped the Conference might succeed in a quiet atmosphere of international co-operation.

An endeavour is being made, to reach an agreement on the principle that the discussions of the preliminary Conference shall refer, not to the Russian question itself, but only to the method in which that question shall be approached after June 28.

It is expected that this endeavour will be successful. The first meeting lasted only an hour. It was marked by a regrettable incident, in which the Press correspondents figured rather prominently.

A number of journalists made their appearance at the Peace Palace. Jonkheer van Karnebeek spoke to them and demanded that they should leave the building. He could give them, he said, no accommodation, since the session was not a public one. The newspaper men, however, were persistent. They urged that they should at least be allowed to remain in the vestibule, and the French correspondents were particularly emphatic on the subject. The Foreign Minister, addressing them in French, said he could not consent, and he left the vestibule repeating his demand that they should leave the building.

There was great indignation among the Americans (adds the *Exchange*), who remarked that the Peace Palace was built with American money. When Dutch soldiers appeared on the scene and ordered the journalists to retire, another protest was made. Luckily, no further action was taken, and Jonkheer van Karnebeek smoothed the incident over by inviting the journalists to tea pending the issue of a communiqué.

PROPOSED DICKENS SHRINE.

It was announced recently that the committee of the London branch of the Dickens fellowships had secured an option to purchase for the purpose of a national shrine and Dickens museum, the house, 48, Doughty-street Bloomsbury, where the author first resided after his marriage, and where he completed the "Pickwick Papers."

SINGAPORE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

COMPARISONS WITH HONGKONG.

(From Our Singapore Correspondent.)

The final match in the above mentioned competition was played on the 25th July at the Singapore Cricket Club before a huge crowd—said to be the biggest ever seen at a tennis match in Singapore. The spectators were rewarded with a disappointing display by Dean the Englishman and Honda the Japanese. Dean took very few risks; Honda took none. For the greater part of the game both remained well on the back line and pegged away monotonously to one another's back hand. Occasionally the taller Dean advanced and smashed, and in this way he gained a few points, but when his agile opponent by a tremendous effort managed to reach some of these well placed smashes and return them the Englishman seemed to be non-plussed, and turned to the back line where he made the mistake of trying to beat Honda at his own game. Honda, who was a 6-2, 6-3, is not an impressive player. He does not play such an aggressive game as most Japanese players, and only once during the whole match did we see one of those Japanese top-spin hard drives. He was content to win by his opponent's mistakes.

Judging by this game I should say that M. W. Lo would beat either without much difficulty, while against a tactician like Ng See-kwong neither would have the ghost of a chance. But perhaps I saw with Hongkong eyes. The most pleasing feature of a poor match was the good sportsmanship of the great crowd who cheered impartially.

CHINESE "SOAPBOXERS."

The finest political club rooms in New South Wales are owned and used by Chinese says the *Melbourne Argus*. They are the Chinese Nationalists, the term having nothing to do with our politics, but concern China. How the Chinese are progressing is further shown by the fact that they have started "soapboxing." Probably for the first time in any land a Chinese has been seen on a box at a street corner, waving his arms at a crowd of vacant-faced countrymen. It was this that led to the fracas which brought Chinese to the police court and got to the mill of the lawyers. The Chinese Masons apparently disagreed with the Nationalist who was spreading his propaganda and upset him from his box. The most entertaining part of the affair, from the European point of view, was the incidental disclosure that the Chinese orators take local politicians for their models. One liked to be called "Billy Hughes," and another "Billy Holman," and so on. This may have led to the ex-Premier, though a K.C. being induced to go to the police court as counsel for one of the parties.

GREASING THE PUNKAH.

Had Heath Robinson been in the Penang Library on Wednesday afternoon says the Straits Echo he would have found a ready-made caricature for his pencil. For some months past the friction between the iron hooks in the coiling and the eyelets carrying the ropes by which the punkah in the Librarian's room is suspended, has resulted in a noisy squeaking very disconcerting to readers who repair to the library. The P. W. D. sent a couple of clerks, four workmen, a step ladder, an ordinary ladder, two pieces of timber, some frayed rope and a dollop of grease in a bit of paper. The little procession advanced, gazed long and earnestly at the punkah, surveyed the ceiling with anxiety and appeared to be making astronomical observations. Recalled to earth by the flight of time they placed the step ladder in position, took four-point bearings from every angle and lifted the single ladder so that its two bottom rungs rested on the two top rungs of one side of the step ladder. There they lashed it with the ancient rope so that it stood up at an angle; the whole contraption forming a figure like the Greek letter lambda. To mount it then would have meant a very bad fall, wherefore the pieces of timber were brought into play. These were lashed upright to the other side of the step ladder. Then the brave greaser climbed carefully to the top of the rickety erection and anointed the bearings on the ceiling, after which he descended and the whole caboodle was shifted to face the other book, the lashings were tightened and up he swarmed again, with confidence this time, and repeated his treatment. It is a pity that the scene, highly amusing to the spectators, could not have been photographed for our Singapore contemporary Straits Produce. Meantime whilst congratulating the P. W. D. upon their Robinsonian resource may we suggest the construction of a step ladder of sufficient length to meet the premises under their control.—*Straits Echo*.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

ISLAND.	Feet
Signal Station	1774
Mt Parker	1793
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
Mt Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Bitterbeds)	393
MAINLAND.	
Taimoshan	3124
Lion Rock	1645
Devil's Peak	724

WEATHER REPORT.

August 2d, 17h. 55m.—Warning to Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—A typhoon of unknown intensity within 60 miles of Lat. 23 N. Long 117 E. moving N. W.

August 3d, 12h. 00m.—Warning to Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—A typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. 23 N. Long 114 E. filling up.

August 2d, 13h. 20m.—Local signal No. 1 lowered.

August 2d, 17h. 50m.—Local signal No. 5 hoisted.

August 3d, 11h. 53m.—Returns from the majority of stations are lacking on account of cable interruption. No weather map will be published.

The typhoon appears to be filling up to the north of Canton. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.25 inch. Total since January 1st, 34.91 inches, against an average of 52.03 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on August 4, 1922: 1.—Formosa Channel S. winds fresh to moderate. 2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lintao S.W. to S. gale, moderating; overcast, rainy, squally. 3.—Hongkong on day of 3. S.W. to S. gale, moderating; overcast, rainy, squally. 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan S.W. to S. moderating; overcast, rainy, squally.

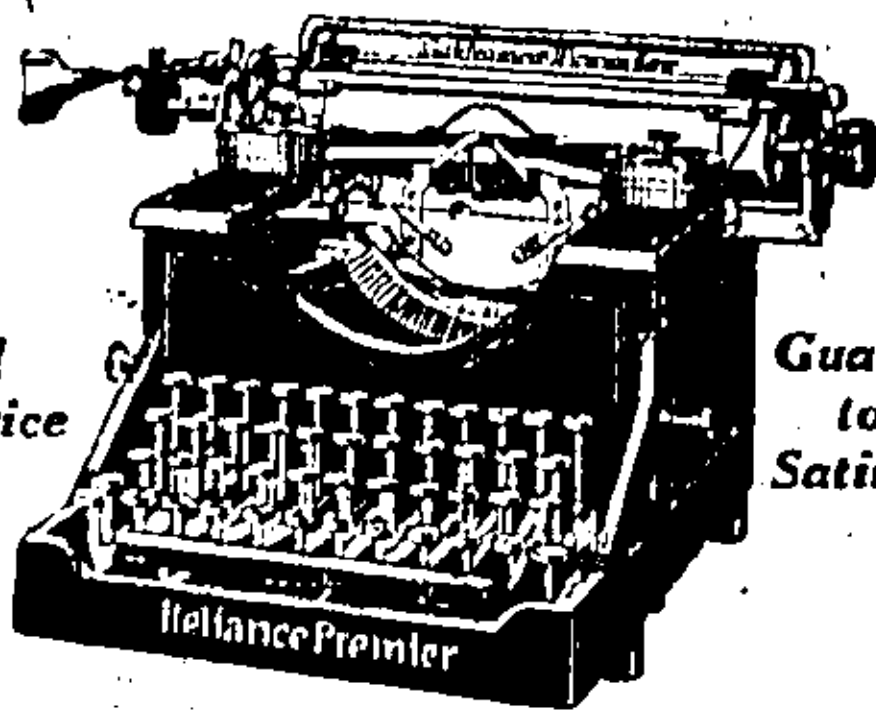
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A COOK'S DREAM.

THE "SAAMI" AND THE SNAKE NEAR COLOMBO.

Intrigued by the spectacle of a number of seemingly intelligent members of the community assembled near Victoria Bridge, Colombo, deeply interested in the behaviour of an apparent maniac evincing soul-rendering noises from a snake-charmer's pipe, a representative of the *Ceylon Observer* made enquiries which elicited a rather startling story.

Kandasamy, the local deity of the Katargama Devala, appeared in a dream to Mariappapulle, a cook employed by S. Puvulingam Chetty of Luckhmi Oil Mills at Kelaniya, a village about 12 miles east of Colombo and instructed him to capture a snake in a clump of bamboos near the bridge. Other instructions were given and details of many curious things which were to happen. It is said that the story has obtained wide credence in India and many enquiries have been received regarding the dream and its fulfilment.

The *Ceylon Observer* representative visited Kelaniya with the object of eliciting further details. He visited Puvulingam Chetty's bungalow and had an opportunity of talking to the erstwhile cook. Whatever doubts may be expressed regarding the story, Mariappapulle is certainly a person of considerable consequence at the moment. Dressed in a white cloth, he occupies a part of the verandah, where he spends much of his time in meditation seated cross-legged after the manner of the statues of the seated Buddha. Near him is a table on which are small brass figures of various Hindu gods, burning joss sticks and rosewater.

He eats nothing solid, but only takes a quarter bottle of milk and a couple of plantains a day, and appears to be highly contented. He has now lived for 18 days in this way, and proposes spending another 42 days in the same manner.

THE DREAM.

After a short time during which prayers were offered, Mariappapulle spoke to the representative and gave the following story, which is set down as nearly verbatim as the differences between the languages will permit.

"About two months ago I visited Adam's Peak, and on my return thought of spending my time in doing the work of God. One night I dreamed of Kandasamy of Katargama Devala. He appeared to me in my dreams and said there was a snake in one of the bamboo bushes under the Victoria Bridge and asked me to capture it, and bring it to Katargama Devala on the 22nd August. I was further told by the god to visit this place

daily for sixty days, to hold pujas and make offerings of fruit and milk. I was told that on the sixtieth day the snake will come to me. I was then to capture it, and having cooked it to bring it to the Devala.

"I was told that after capturing this snake I have to take it in a box all over Colombo with a band of musicians playing tom-toms. Finishing my tour round Colombo, I have been told to come back to this bungalow and cut a snake into five parts, when I will find six pieces."

"How can the five parts turn into six?" asked the pressman.

"That is the miracle and then the people will be able to know that I have not deceived them and specially people of other religious bodies will come to know the truth of our religion and the powers of Kandasamy."

"I will cook the dead snake and walk to Katargama reaching there the same day, and offer the cooked pieces to the gods. The Kappale in charge of the Devala will be handed the chatty in which the cooked snake will be placed. He will be asked to open it when the killed and cooked snake will be alive and will vanish. This completes my mission."

CONSULTING THE GODS.

The extraction of the story was rather a lengthy proceeding as after each sentence, Mariappapulle repeated some prayers. When questioned by the pressman, he answered that he was consulting the gods.

There were several Tamil men and women assembled at the bungalow, having come from different parts of the island to have a sight of Mariappapulle.

After finishing the interview, Mariappapulle left for Victoria Bridge road to hold the usual pujas and to see the snake.

The pressman followed him and was presented at the subsequent pujas.

After making offerings of fruits and milk, Mariappapulle started singing and playing his snake-charming pipe. By this time hundreds had assembled near the bridge and everyone was deeply interested in the ceremony. At intervals of five and ten minutes, Mariappapulle gave a loud cry of "Aarvather! Aarvather!"

Though the snake was not in evidence during the morning it is said to swim from the river and climb up the bamboo bush. After showing itself to Mariappapulle it disappears into the bamboo.

The pressman learnt that on two occasions several people who had assembled to witness the puja saw the snake, which is said to be about three feet in length.

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"These ten ministers asked for the authorization and recognition of the ordination of either the Anglican or Presbyterian churches, empowering the ministers of the Presbyterian church to preach, and take the Sacrament, and share the Church life of the Anglican Church with the same privileges for Anglican priests in the Presbyterian Church. Following the Lambeth Conference the matter was broached by the Anglican authorities in Canada, but the talk of church union was not followed by action, and as a result the clergy became impatient and a joint committee of the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches took the matter into their own hands, with the result of the preparation of a document probably destined to become historic in regard to the movement of church union in Canada and the United States.

"The committee represented by the clergy of the Anglican diocese of Montreal, with the Montreal and New York presbyteries, made a proposal, in order to avoid delays that the clergy of either church should recognise the ordination of the other, entailing full liberty to either to participate in the services and sacraments of the other. The memorandum has been forwarded to the Bishop of Montreal and presented to the Montreal presbytery, where it was unanimously decided to forward the memorandum to the General Assembly of Canada in order to secure the necessary consent to this vital move toward church union. The clergy of both churches are jubilant at having achieved the first definite step toward carrying out the propositions embodied in the recommendations of the Lambeth Conference, which, should it be accepted by the supreme authorities of both denominations, will pave the way toward definitely closer relations, including the American Presbyterian Church."

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tions about the passing of building
plans—

1. In view of the fact that the
Government hesitated to adopt
the recommendation of the Com-
mittee appointed to enquire into
delays in connection with the
passing of plans, set out in para-
graph 6 (iii), (e), (f) and (g) on
page 3 of the Committee's report,
will the Government state the
average period that now elapses
between the time when the plans
leave the Building Authority's
Office, and the notification to
that officer of the Council's
decision?

2. Does the Government claim that
when plans are referred to the
Governor in Council the provi-
sions of Sec. 222-Sub-Secs. (2) &
(3) of the Public Health and
Buildings Ordinance are rendered
null and void?

3. If that is the case will the
Government state on what
grounds such claim is made?

GOVERNMENT'S REPLY.

The Colonial Secretary replied as
follows:—

1. The average period is 22 days.
2. & 3. Reference of plans to the
Governor in Council is almost
invariably for the purpose of a
modification of, or exemption from,
certain requirements of the
Public Health and Buildings Ordi-
nance No. 1 of 1903 which they
contravene and, in order to
comply with Section 222 thereof,
such plans are usually formally
disapproved pending the decision
of the Governor in Council.
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Section 222 being rendered null
and void by reason of any re-
ference to the Government.

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expedite the work of the Buildings
Ordinance Office if the Architects
adopted the procedure recommend-
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gistration 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.
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Straits and Bangkok 10 a.m.
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lon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South
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and South America & EUROPE via
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10th August. Registration 8 a.m.
Letters 9 a.m.
President Grant 4.30 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14.
President Jefferson 4.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Mar-
ques, South Africa, India via Dhanush-
kodi, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via
MARSEILLES—due MARSEILLES
18th September. Registration 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques,
South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi,
Bombay & ADEEN 10.30 a.m.

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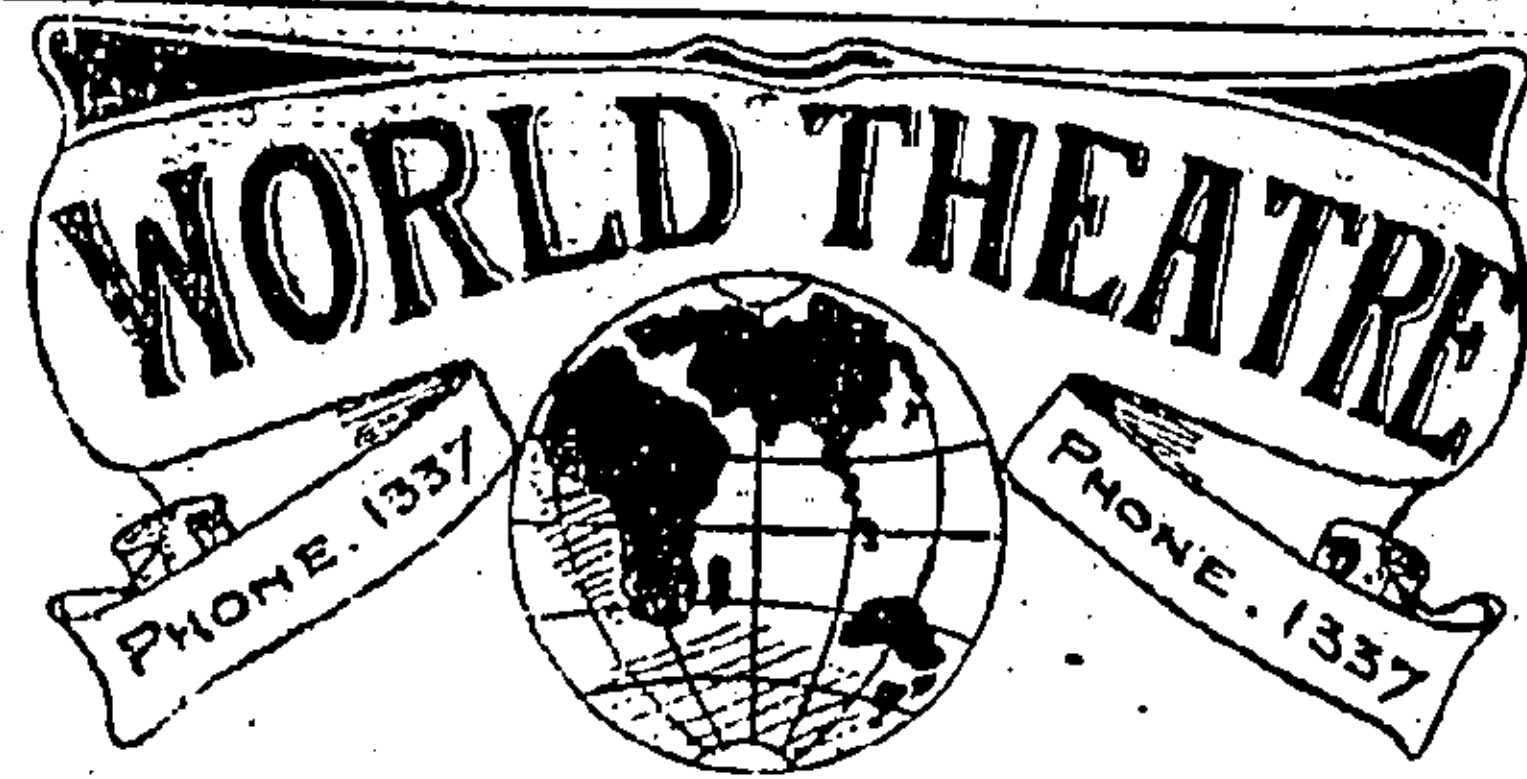
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2.30 p.m. & 7.15 p.m.
EILEEN SEDGWICK in "TERROR-TRAIL"
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Usual Prices. Booking at the Theatre.

GHOST SHIPS.

PORTRAITS THAT ARE PRIZED.

Portraits of forgotten sailing ships,
dusty models of old craft, and prints
of a Dockland which is vanishing, till
recently, merely littered the shops
which call themselves "antique."
Those commodities were irrelevant.
They had to be accepted by dealers
as insignificant details in important
consignments.

Yet for some occult reason collect-
ors began a little while ago to desire
them, and even to buy them and give
them a scarcity value. Nobody seems
to know why. The motive is perhaps
the same which stirs desire for ugly
snuffboxes at a time when a snuff-
taker is an oddity. I have asked a
collector of ships' portraits, and he
models his reason for buying them
Dockland housewives, when the coast
was clear, once thrust on the rug and
bottle merchant. He had no reason
to give; not a reasonable reason;
only a collector's reason, which is of
course, unreasonable.

One might have thought the time
had come to forget the records and
traditions of London's older shipping
parishes. What used to be there has
no more bearing on to-day's affairs,
even locally, than the quiet areas
about their parish churches. There
is a wide and profound break between
the shipping of the 'eighties and that
of to-day. One would suppose we were
far too closely occupied with our new
and difficult problems of commerce
to have any interest for craft that
were here not long ago, but which have
joined the tritons.

Those old vessels, galleys and all,
have an interest for a few of us; but
who are we? As it chances, we re-
member some of the fleet of the
clippers, the names and stories of
many more, and not a few of the
mariners who sailed those ships.
Naturally—for so it happens when the
memory grows long—we are more in-
terested in the past than in the coming
revolution when the motor ship (a
master mariner informs me) will make
the steamer look silly. The old ships
have a fascination for us, of course;
but what can the old ships be to us
who merely buy prints of them, and
in these days, too, when London has
a number of air-ports? It is a
mystery.

Some of us know what to think of
the Tweed, the Blackadder, and the
Macquarie, for we have looked at them
with these eyes; and we used to see

some of the notable masters such as
Woodget, Horse, and Corner, when
they were about their business with
longshoremen. Yet all that seems to
me but a private concern, with no
interest except for a few re-
membrancers who are getting scarcer,
and now rarely meet each other.

It is curious to be writing of these
men and ships in the very week when
we are all invited to admire a new
liner, a vast ship bearing within her a
palm court and a tennis lawn, and
other gear which it would have puzzled
Captain Fome, of the Loch Garry
to have made shipshape. Does this
new liner include a bee keeper in her
ratings? Does her carpenter keep a
grass-cutter in his toolchest? The
very thought of a ship with a lawn is
enough to make the shades that haunt
Tower Hill and the East India Dock-
road fade for ever from a world which
has changed its nature. What be-
sides of a Blackwall frigate would come
back to haunt a mar